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Let us imagine Captain Fuller returning to the deserted harbor in 1868 and announcing to Mary that she and Freddie were to accompany him on his next voyage in the bark "Napoleon". If we had access to the log of that voyage, one of those precious Nantucket documents that has long since disappeared, we would be regaled with the Captain's description of a man overboard. In the absence of the authentic record let us attempt the reconstruction of the scene log-book fashion:

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At the request of *The Harpoon* I am recording some impressions and anecdotes of a four-year whaling voyage on the bark *Napoleon* of New Bedford, which began when I was five years old.

In general, I recall the whole voyage as a pleasant and novel experience. Every few months we landed at quaint islands for water and fruit and I greatly enjoyed meeting the missionaries and they took to me. The officers of the ship made constant efforts to interest and amuse me; in fact, they were my playmates. Their activities, together with those of my dog Tiger and a goat which I owned, cut out all dull moments.

Once, on the high seas we visited and had an all-day *gam* with another ship, and while my father and mother exchanged news and views with Captain and Mrs. Beckerman, their six-year-old daughter and I spent nearly all day making orange marmalade, on a toy stove which actually burned wood; and this *stirring event* is one of the outstanding incidents of my whaling career!

I was the butt of many jokes. Occasionally on a calm day when nothing was doing, some officer would say, *let's fish*, and I would take my place in one of the whaleboats, which hung from the davits and projected out beyond the side of the ship. Some one would catch a fish, gently hook it on to my line, and tell me to pull in quick. I was told to

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huddle down in the boat in order not to scare the fish, and a dozen times the same fish would be unhooked, taken away and then, unseen by me, lowered overboard for me to pull in again. When I asked where all my fish were I was told that the cook was cleaning them in the galley.

A few years ago, a man nearly eighty years of age looked me up and said he was the cabin boy on the *Napoleon* when I set out on my

voyage sixty years before; and he proved his claim by citing many incidents of this successful trip. I had considered myself the sole survivor of this voyage, for my father and other shipmates would have been, if living, more than one hundred years old. But here was another survivor. And what a *gam* we did have!

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The first cash entry. "May 6th, 1880. Cash received F. V. Fuller .25" This was evidently a one quarter installment of the purchase of a share of stock of \$1.00 value. Others of the staff also make purchases of stock on the installment plan.

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"I have the greatest variety of Paper Collars on Nantucket. I am now prepared to supply the men and boys of Nantucket with collars at greatly reduced prices."

Those were the happy days when butter was butter. You could get the choicest creamery for eighteen cents a pound, six pounds for a dollar.

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Following on the heels of this storm came another within 48 hours, more severe than the first. Mr. Fuller graphically describes the wreckage:

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But we must break off the exciting narrative to remark in passing that the same powers of description as those revealed in the minutes of the Winter Club were possessed by our friend in his earlier years. His was the pen of a ready writer.

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"'Why not, Towser? Didn't we always treat you kindly and didn't I take you out walking?'"

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1. Select the kind of business that suits you.
2. Let your pledged word ever be sacred.
3. Whatever you do, do with all your might.
4. Be sober.
5. Be always hopeful, but fully investigate everything.
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Mrs. Teller comments upon the above as follows:

"I am sure that all of his business associates would say that he truly lived by these precepts in whatever work he undertook."

To which all who knew him would say Amen.

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Summing up such a life it may be said that its mainspring was faith - faith in God and faith in man. Death must have come to him just as one more adventure to be made, and we can almost hear him quoting Robert Louis Stevenson:

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For the Committee:

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William Gardner

Joseph Cochran

March, 1942.

Read before the Winter Club at its meeting
Tuesday, March 24th, 1942, by the author,

Joseph W. Cochran



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Records of
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Guests & occasional and otherwise.

Bishop Frank Hale Tourret	Monomoy
x Theodore Varney	100 Main St.
Rev. William E. Gardner ^{Member} Made Ass. Jan. 14, '41	33 Orange
W. Murray Conrad	28 Cliff Rd.
Lawrence B. Cummings ^{ass. member} Jan. 12, '41	4 Pleasant
D. L. Smith	The Cliff
Col. Benjamin H. Tiephner	9 Pleasant
x Henry J. Warland	78 Main
x William H. Varney	5 Pine
x Bassett Jones	Polpis
x Herbert Davis (E.)	Monomoy
Robert S. Backus	Hauwinet
x George E. Grimes	43 Orange
x Rev. James J. Hammer	10 Fair

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BY-LAWS

Article 1

The name of this organization shall be The Winter Club.

Article 2

The purpose of this club is for the intellectual cultivation and social enjoyment of its members.

Article 3

The resident membership shall be limited to twelve men. It is understood that once a member, always a member.

Associate member see Pg 26 (Jan 7 1935)

Article 4

Visitors may attend the meetings with the sanction of the host and speaker of the evening.

Article 5

There shall be a program committee to be appointed by the president whose duties shall be to arrange, in conjunction with the secretary, the programs for the meetings.

Article 6

The last meeting of the club year shall be considered the annual meeting. At this meeting the officers for the coming year consisting of President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected to serve for one year or until their successors are chosen.

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Article 7

Meetings will be held twice a month from October to May, inclusive, upon the evenings of the 1st and 3d Mondays at 8 o'clock.

Article 8

In the matter of the election of new members the procedure shall be as follows: Ballots shall be marked by members either with the word Yes or No. The statement of the question shall be: Shall the voting upon ----- (the candidate) be postponed? In case there shall be found two or more ballots marked Yes there is in that case no election.

Samuel Snelling
C. E. Congdon

Louis F. Anderson *Fred V. F.*

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Roster \ The Winter Club \ Members (12)

October 31-1934

Prof. Louis F. Anderson	Became honorary member March 4, 1935
Rev. Samuel Snelling	Died Oct. 15, 1937
Edgar W. Jenney	Resigned May 20, 1938
W. H. Hollis Bennett	Died Dec. 10, 1937
Herbert S. Kellogg	Died Oct. 13, 1937
Dr. Charles E. Congdon	
Mr. Regis H. Post	Put on "Retired Active List" June 12, 1939
Rev. Chauncey H. Blodgett	Put on "Retired Active List" June 12, 1939
Harry B. Turner	Did not qualify
Fred V. Fuller	
Rev. Harold L. Picfitt	Resigned Oct. 12, 1937
Austin Strong	Put on "Retired Active List" June 12, 1939
Alfred F. Shurrock	Elected Jan. 7, 1935
George Fawcett	Elected March 4, 1935
Edouard A. Blackpole	Elected Oct. 12, 1937
Alfred E. Smith	Elected Oct. 12, 1937
Col. Louis J. Praeger	Elected June 12, 1939
Frank H. Webster	Elected June 12, 1939
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Guests - occasional and otherwise, See page 4

Louis F. Anderson - 1861

Hollis Bennett 1864

Charles E. Congdon 1872

Wm. H. Cook 1870

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Fred V. Fuller 1863

Harold Pickett 1883

Resigned Oct. 12, 1937

Died June 6, 1939

Edward A. Stackpole 1905

Alfred R. Smith 1873

Died June 10, 1941

Frederick P. Hill. 1862.

associate members elected Jan. 7, 1935 & later.

~~Dr. Ernest H. Menges~~

Left town Oct. 12, 1937

~~Edouard A. Staefpols~~

Became active Mem. Oct. 12, 1937

Roy E. Sanguinetti 11/1/35

~~Alfred E. Smith~~

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~~Charles A. Selden~~

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~~Everett W. Crosby~~

(member)

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~~Dr. Ernest H. Menges~~

(member)

Returned Mch. 14, 1938

~~Col. Robert W. Stewart~~

Elected June 12, 1939

~~Benjamin L. Taylor~~

Died June 4, 1941

~~William L. Mather~~

~~Dr. Joseph W. Cochran~~

~~Dr. Barrett P. Tyler~~

Left town Aug. 5, 1939

~~Harry B. Turner~~

~~Charles J. Taylor~~ Moved away Aug. 3, 1941 Elected June 12-1939

Dr. Frederick L. Breitbunt

~~Re-elected~~

Dr. William E. Gardner

Jan. 14, 1944

(12) Laurence B. Cummings

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## Minutes

## Preliminary Meeting.

accepting the generous invitations of Prof. Anderson a group of men assembled at Woodbox for dinner on Wednesday evening, Oct. 31-1934 at 7 o'clock. After dinner the matter of organizing an evening club for men was considered and various details were discussed at some length by those present consisting of Prof. Anderson, Mr. Snelling, Mr. Jenney, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kellogg, Dr. Congdon, Mr. Post, Mr. Blodgett and Mr. Fuller. Mr. Turner who had been invited to be present was unable to attend.

Resolutions were offered and acted upon with the following results: Voted: That a men's club be organized under the name of The Winter Club. That meetings be held twice a month from October to May, inclusive, upon the evenings of the first and third Mondays at 8 o'clock. That the membership be limited to twelve.

The sense of the meeting was in favor of



### The Winter Club

serving refreshments during the evening rather than providing for a regular dinner or supper.

Messrs. Strong and Picfett were elected to membership.

The following temporary officers were elected: President, Prof. Anderson; Secretary, Mr. Fuller; Treasurer, Mr. Bennett.

an entrance fee of 50¢ was established.

a committee consisting of Prof. Anderson, Mr. Snelling, Dr. Congdon and Mr.

Fuller was appointed to prepare and submit By-Laws at the first meeting to be held on Nov. 5, 1934.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



### First Meeting of the Winter Club.

On the evening of Nov. 5. 1934 the first regular meeting of the Winter Club was held at the hospitable home of Dr. & Mrs. Congdon. It was an auspicious beginning and every member not absent from the island, with one exception, was present.

Those in attendance were: Mr. Snelling, Mr. Blodgett, Prof. Anderson, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Kellogg, Dr. Congdon, Mr. Post, Mr. Strong, Mr. Fuller and two guests: Messrs. Macy and Shurrocks.

The reads of the preliminary meeting were read and accepted.

The Committee on By-Laws consisting of Mr. Snelling, Dr. Congdon, Prof. Anderson and the Secretary offered a series of eight By-Laws and they were adopted as reads.

The following officers were elected: President, Prof. Anderson; First Vice-President, Mr. Snelling; Second Vice-President, Dr. Congdon; Secretary, Mr. Fuller; Treasurer, Mr. Bennett.

First Vice-President Snelling then introduced Prof. Anderson as the speaker of the evening who gave a



vivid account of "A Day in Athens". Although his account was prepared some thirty years ago it might have been written a few weeks before the meeting as far as one could judge. The speaker alluded to the debt due to Greece for its inspiration and aid to democracy. He described the outstanding temples, ruins, gave bits of history, mentioned many decisive events in the country's career and his reflections while sitting in the shadow of the Parthenon almost lapsed into poetry. At the conclusion of Prof. Anderson's paper a vote of thanks and appreciation was unanimously extended to him. General discussion and comments followed, each member expressing himself, including the two guests of the evening. After refreshments, which were bountifully served, Prof. Anderson answered questions and enlarged upon certain features which had been brought up. The meeting adjourned at 11-15 and all present felt that the Winter Club had made a most enthusiastic start.

J. J. Fuller Secy.



### Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 19, the Winter Club met at the house of Mr. Blodgett. Present: Prof. Anderson, in the chair, Messrs. Bennett, Blodgett, Congdon, Killogg and Fuller. Messrs. Shurrock and Sanguinetti were present as guests.

The records of the first meeting were read and approved.

President Anderson introduced Mr. Bennett as the speaker of the evening and he gave a paper on "Tools". Under this heading Mr. Bennett covered in a most broad and comprehensive way the influence of tools and machines upon civilization and progress. He described man and his achievements from the stone age on and alluded to fire as an important agent in the making of crude tools. He spoke of Japan as a clever copier of discoveries and inventions and referred to the present day marvels in electrical and radio lines. Farming is now a business and owed to man's ingenuity in inventing the mowing machine knife made an outstanding contribution to



farming efficiency. He offered some interesting comments which Bertrand Russell made upon archimedes, aristotle, Plato, Sir Isaac Newton and others. The paper was a compact study of the advance of civilization and <sup>the</sup> influence which mechanical inventions and discoveries had upon it.

The discussion covered many points of view and after refreshments were served President anderson reviewed many of the statements made during the evening with comments.

The meeting was a most interesting one and had no dull moment in it.

The meeting adjourned 11-05.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



Regular Meeting of the Winter Club  
on Monday evening December 31, 1934, The  
Winter Club met at home of Mr. Post.

Present: Prof. Anderson in the chair, Messrs.  
Bennett, Blodgett, Congdon, Post and Fuller.  
Dr. Menges was present by invitation.

The records of the meeting of November 19th  
were read and approved. It was voted  
to proceed with the election of an addition-  
al member to make up the club's full com-  
plement of twelve. Those considered as  
candidates for membership were Dr. Menges,  
Mr. Crosby, Mr. Shurrock, Mr. Slackpole and  
Mr. Sanguinetti. The vote stood at three  
for Dr. Menges and three for Mr. Shurrock.

Further action in the matter was postponed.

Pres. Anderson introduced Dr. Congdon  
who gave a most interesting narrative of a  
trip to South America which he made as  
surgeon on an English passenger steamer in  
the fall of 1896.



We visited Pernambuco, Bahia and  
 Rio de Janeiro. His picturesque description  
 of the approach to Rio and its harbor  
 caused each of his listeners to wish that  
 they might also experience the charm of a  
 similar visit. After partaking of refreshments  
 each one present made some comment upon  
 Dr. Congdon's account of his journey to the  
 tropics or asked for further information in  
 regard to certain features of his southern  
 trip. This friendly comment lasted until  
 11-20 P.M. when the meeting adjourned  
 feeling that it had participated by  
 proxy in a worthwhile voyage.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



## Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 17th, 1934, the Winter Club met at the residence of Mr. Pickett. Present: Prof. Anderson, in the chair, Messrs. Gen-  
mitt, Blodgett, Congdon, Pickett, Post and Fuller.  
Messrs. Smith, Stackpole, Lawett and Goggins were present by invitation. Reads of previous meeting read.

An informal ballot to elect ~~Torbert~~ an additional person to club membership was indecisive and it was voted to postpone further action until a future meeting. The list of possible candidates for membership was increased by the addition of the names of Alfred Smith and Mr. Lawett.

Pres. Anderson introduced Mr. Pickett who spoke upon "Perry's Victory on Lake Erie". Mr. Pickett's talk was illustrated by three large sketch maps and was a most vivid and interesting account of this decisive battle through which the ownership of 400,000 square miles of territory was retained. Commodore Perry built his nine ships at Presque Isle Bay. With much skill and aided



by "camels", he piloted his ships into  
 Lake Erie and attacked the British boats,  
 the decisive battle being fought on  
 September 10th, 1813. Com. Perry was only  
 27 years old at the time of the battle.

Each member offered some comment  
 upon the paper of the evening and the  
 guests also expressed themselves.

after refreshments were served Pres.  
 Anderson summed up and commented  
 upon the subject of the evening after  
 which Mr. Picfett replied to some queries  
 and closed the discussion. The meeting  
 adjourned at 11 o'clock.

F. Fuller, Secy.



# Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening Jan. 7, 1935, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Bennett.

Present: Prof. Anderson in the chair, Messrs. Bennett, Blodgett, Post, Congdon and Fuller.

Guests present were Messrs. Hensen, Sanguinetti and Sharp. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted: To take up the matter of electing one regular club <sup>member</sup> and five associate members. Alfred F. Shurrock was elected to membership, the club's twelfth member, and Messrs. Menger, Stacpole, Sanguinetti, Smith and Jewett were elected associate members.

Pres. Anderson asked Vice Pres. Congdon to preside during the remainder of the evening and he introduced Mr. Blodgett who read a paper: "Getting our World on its Feet". This paper was in three sections: "The Doctors Preside", "The Invalid", "Shall we call the Undertaker?" Mr. Blodgett presented a studious, broad and keen analysis of our present day depression.



He quoted a statement which had been made to the effect that the income of some 36,000 persons was equal to the income of 11,000,000 and that these 36,000 comprised the invisible government.

Various methods of relief as offered by wizards and faith healers were commented upon.

Both socialism and communism would do away with the private ownership of property. America is not to be destroyed, but remodeled. An age of change may be an age of hope, he said. Prof. Anderson, following Mr. Blodgett, complimented him upon the clean cut way in which he had set forth the many issues of the day and hour. He said that there were 6200 <sup>families</sup> persons in Walla Walla who wanted to have the Townsend plan adopted. A most interesting discussion followed during which each member present and the three guests expressed their views upon the subject of the evening. And finally, Mr. Blodgett com-



mented upon and reviewed many of the ideas which had been advanced and brought this vivid and stimulating meeting to its close. The meeting adjourned at 11-15.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.

Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening January 21st, 1935 the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Fuller.

Present: Pres. Anderson in the chair, Messrs. Bennett, Congdon, Post, Fuller, Blodgett, Shurrocks, Stackpole, Smith and Fawcett. Dr. Frank Walls was present by invitation. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pres. Anderson introduced Mr. Fawcett who told about "The new stage and the old stage". Mr. Fawcett gave a vigorous and humorous account of his experiences in breaking into theatrical work. One assignment was the "Village Idiot". Virginia was his first tragedy. He related stories and anecdotes of many actors. He said William Winter was the best New York critic and that commercialism has controlled criticism since.



He wanted to be a tragedian but developed into a comedian. His first real hit was in "She who must be obeyed" He gave a snappy description of some of those he met at a N. Y. Theatre Boarding House. He read Poe's Raven with much feeling and action and followed with Dow's Flat and two other selections. Mr. Fawcett put his comments and thoughts over with all the skill, gusto and vigorous action of an actor of long experience in stagecraft and was listened to with rapt attention. After refreshments Pres. Anderson called upon each member including the guest of the evening in rotation and many comments were voiced. Mr. Fawcett closed with selections from Macbeth which were rendered in his irrefutable manner. The meeting adjourned at 11-15.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1935 the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Lawcett.

Present: Prof. Anderson in the chair, Mr. Bennett, Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Post, Blodgett, Dr. Menges, Mrs. Sangiunetti, Lawcett and Fuller. Mr. Burgess, Supt. of Schools and Dr. Wall were the Club's guests. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Introduced by Vice President Congdon, Pres. Anderson gave us "Some glimpses of the English Cambridge" Prof. and Mrs. Anderson visited the university in October, 1928 and the speaker gave us a birdseye prospect of the different colleges, 20 in number. The first college was established in A.D. 317. The outstanding difference between American and English universities is the increased time and greater thoroughness given to studies in England. Their students develop character by getting wisdom. There are from 25 to 700 students in each of the colleges. The present attendance at the university is



around 4000. Prof. Anderson touched upon many of the individual colleges and named their distinguished graduates and often quoted from their writings or repeated their poems. Prof. and Mrs. Anderson wound up their active Cambridge day by attending vesper services in Kings Chapel. This comprehensive paper showed how intimately this great university was connected with English history and how deeply it was responsible for important additions to the literature, poetry and philosophy. Vice President Congdon called upon each member and the two guests for their reactions to the subject of the evening and each in turn offered remarks or asked a question. After partaking of refreshments Prof. Anderson answered various questions and offered comments upon some of the ideas advanced. The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

J. B. Fuller, Secy,



### Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 18th, 1935 The Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Post.

Present: Pres. Anderson in the chair, Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Post, Blodgett, Dr. Menges, Messrs. Jewett, Stackpole, and Fuller. Messrs. Burgess and Pond and Dr. Waller were present as guests. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pres. Anderson, on account of his planned departure from the island on March 10th presented his resignation as president and as a resident member to take effect at the close of the meeting on Monday, March 4th.

Dr. Congdon was nominated for president for the remainder of the club year and the secretary was authorized to cast one vote for his election. Dr. Congdon thanked those present for making him president and expressed his regret, which was shared by all, at the early departure of Prof. Anderson.

President Anderson presented Mr. Post as the speaker of the evening. His subject was "The early days of our Colonial Experience". While Mr. Post



touched upon Spain's colonial experiences in  
 general, his talk had to do mainly with Porto  
 Rico. He was appointed auditor or comptroller,  
 secretary and then governor of Porto Rico. In a  
 most interesting way he gave us many inti-  
 mate personal experiences and anecdotes of  
 his official life in Porto Rico.

It has a population <sup>of</sup> about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million and  
 its high point in sugar exports was 300,000  
 tons. Porto Rico was self supporting and so cost  
 our taxpayers nothing. The natives are very  
 sensitive and politeness goes far. Mr. Porto's  
 first hand account of his Porto Rican ex-  
 periences was vivid and absorbing and it  
 was highly appreciated and enjoyed by  
 all present. After partaking of refreshments  
 each member and guest was called upon  
 and through numerous questions all present  
 became more fully informed as to Porto Rican con-  
 ditions and the well planned conscientious  
 supervision and adjustment which was carried  
 out there soon after Porto Rico came into our hands.  
 adjourned at 11-45 P. M. J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Regular Meeting of the Winter Club

On Monday evening March 4th, 1935 the Winter Club <sup>members</sup>, at Pres. Anderson's invitation, were his supper guests at The Woodbox. Present: Prof. Anderson in the chair, Mr. Bennett, Dr. Congdon, Mr. Blodgett, Mr. Stackpole, Janicett & Fuller. The club's guests were Messrs. Hansen, Gadd, Chase, Burgess, Goggins, Maloney and Dr. Walls. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. Post was elected Second Vice President, Mr. Janicett an active member and Dr. Walls an associate member. By a rising vote the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Winter Club is the last one at which our president, Prof. Louis F. Anderson, can be with us, be it therefore Resolved: That we, his fellow members, hereby place upon record our recognition and appreciation of the fact that the Winter Club of Nantucket was initiated at his suggestion and through his action. We express our gratitude to him for his continuous interest in the Club's welfare and for his hospitality in inviting us to be his supper guests at the "Woodbox" upon two occasions.

Prof. Anderson, soon to return to his home in the West, carries with him our cordial good wishes and high esteem.

And be it further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed in his hands and a copy affixed to the records of the Winter Club.



Prof. Anderson, although somewhat overcome at the applause which followed these resolutions, graciously voiced his thanks and appreciation.

The speaker of the evening, Mr. Stackpole, was introduced by the president and read a paper on: "In the Track of the Whalers."

His study of the whaling industry, its rise and fall, including the locations of the whaling grounds; settlements established by whaling groups from Nantucket and other related features of this great business, yielded him a mass of material from which <sup>he</sup> extracted many pertinent facts and figures for his perspective view of this important industry. Several charts enabled his listeners to follow him as he traced many voyages to their destinations. Mr. Stackpole's comprehensive glance at the basic factors of "whaling" were extremely interesting and at the conclusion of his paper he replied to the many questions which his subject opened up. As usual each person present had something to say or questions to ask. The meeting adjourned at 10-15 p.m.

J. D. Fuller, Secy.



## Regular Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening March 18th, 1935 the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon. Present: Pres. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Fawcett, Post, Walls, Blodgett, Sanguinetti, Stackpole, Bennett and Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Satter, Coggins and Allen Congdon.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Introduced by Pres. Congdon Mr. Fuller read a paper entitled "Why Worry?" after going from civil engineering work into business Mr. Fuller found that he worried unduly about the financial end of his business. He read a number of books which set forth methods of overcoming worry and was greatly helped by the theories laid down in "Menticulture" by Horace Fletcher. Mr. Fuller said that by persistence he almost entirely overcame the tendency to be depressed and worried over his business affairs.



The discussion which followed was most interesting as the individual views and reactions of each one present were presented. After refreshments

Mr. Fuller briefly commented upon some of the statements which had been made and more fully defined his attitude towards troublesome thoughts.

adjourned at 11 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Regular Meeting of the Winter Club

On Monday evening, April 1st, 1935 the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Walls.

Present: Dr. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Blodgett, Post, Bennett, Fawcett, Stackpole, Sangiunetti, Fuller and Drs. Walls and Menger. Mr. Coggins was a guest. Records of last meeting read and approved.

Noted: That from May 1 on Winter Club meetings be held on the 2d and 4th Mondays.

Noted: That the next meeting be held on Monday, April 29th.

Pres. Congdon introduced Dr. Walls who spoke about the "Conquest of Disease". Later the president introduced Dr. Menger who told of "Some recent Developments in Preventive Medicine". In general they discussed old-time ideas of the origin of disease and its treatment in comparison with present day methods established through patient research and countless experiments. No synopsis can do justice to the compact history of the past and present understanding and treatment of disease as



outlined by the two speakers. The discussion which followed was particularly interesting and each one had a chance to ask for light upon his favorite theory and other questions which had to do with health and disease.

The discussion went on with interest while refreshments were being served and the meeting did not break up until 11-30.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



## Regular Meeting of the Winter Club

On Monday evening, April 29, 1935, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Jenney. Present: Pres. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Bennett, Jenney, Post, Lawcett, Stackpole, Smith, Fuller and Dr. Walls. Allen Congdon was a guest. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted: That an assessment of 50¢ for expenses be levied upon each member.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Jenney who talked about: "Art for men". He told of selling art to men and recounted his experience and deductions therefrom in connection with decorating and furnishing the Am. Tel. & Tel. Building in New York City.

Men rarely study furnishings in advance in detail, but when one has gone ahead and settled upon something to which no objection had been offered they often object to the result. Mr. Jenney quoted quite a happy definition of art as follows:



"art is that beauty which the imagination has created and which awakes in the observer an emotion of pleasure similar to that of the creator".

The usual varied and interesting <sup>discussion</sup> followed for more than an hour during which many questions were asked and replied to by Mr. Jenney. After a social hour at the refreshment table, the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Regular Meeting of the Winter Club - 13th Reg. Meeting

On Monday evening, May 13, 1935, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Kellogg.

Present: Pres. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Fenney, Jewett, Kellogg, Smith, Snelling, Fuller and Dr. Wallis. Mr. Coggins was our guest.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Kellogg who read a paper entitled: "The story of an historic Southern Town". Mr. & Mrs. Kellogg spent the winter months in Camden, S. C. and Mr. Kellogg spoke of its natural beauty and said it was a mecca for horseback riding and contained many beautiful old homes and mansions. He was housed under Mr. Rippland's roof and so his host's many years study of the history of Camden were available to him. Mr. Kellogg gave many details in regard to the battle of Camden in 1780 in which some 3000 Americans under Gen. Gates with Maj. Gen. De Kalb, second in command, were defeated by 2000 British under Lord Rawdon.



In 1835 20,000 bales of cotton were shipped out of Camden. The war of 1812 affected Camden very little. The town has one large cotton mill and a population of about 6000.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kellogg's interesting and carefully prepared paper an interesting discussion followed and a number of those present who had made trips through the south spoke interestingly of their journeys. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J. B. Fuller, Secy.



Fourteenth Regular Meeting of Winter Club May 27-1935  
 On Monday evening, May 27, 1935, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Smith.

Present: President Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Jerney, Bennett, Kellogg, Post, Fawcett, Sanguinetti, Smith, Fuller and Dr. Wallis. <sup>and Mr. Macy</sup> Mr. Coggins, were guests of the club. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The present officers: Dr. Congdon, Pres. Mr. Snelling, Vice Pres. Mr. Post, Vice Pres., Mr. Fuller, Secy., Mr. Bennett, Treas. were re-elected for the club year of 1935-1936.

Voted: That the thanks of the club be extended to Mr. J. Macy for the paper which he is soon to offer for our entertainment.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Macy who under the title of "The saving sense of Humor" gave us dozens of specimens of good humor, ludicrous and witty sayings so that great hilarity ensued from the anecdotes he offered us and those which each member supplied in the discussion which followed.



a most cheerful evening wholly different from any other in the club's history ended when the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



Regular Meeting of the Winter Club Oct. 14-1935  
On Monday evening Oct. 14th the Winter Club  
met at the home of Dr. Congdon.

Present: Rev. Mr. Blodgett, Dr. Wall, Rev. Mr.  
Snelling, Drs. Menges and Congdon, Messrs. Bennett,  
Killogg, Jenney, Smith and Stackpole. Dr.  
Harry Stevens of New York City was the guest of  
the evening. In the absence of the secretary  
Mr. Stackpole was appointed secretary pro tem.  
A program committee consisting of Messrs.  
Blodgett, Dr. Wall and Mr. Stackpole was ap-  
pointed.

Voted: That a summary of each meeting be  
published in the Inquirer & Mirror and Messrs.  
Bennett and Stackpole were appointed as a  
committee on such publication.

Dr. Congdon was the speaker of the  
evening and his topic was "The Work of  
the Nantuxet Historical Association."

Several letters which were read by Dr. Cong-  
don showed what a broad area supplies his-  
torical queries concerning Nantuxet.



One letter asked about a supposed visit from Edgar Allen Poe of which no record exists. another letter asked for information concerning Capt. Timothy Folger whose statements about the retarding effect of the Gulf Stream led to its being charted by Benjamin Franklin. We read extracts from the Journal of Henry D. Thoreau bearing upon the planting of pine trees upon Nantucket by Capt. Gardner. Dr. Congdon read a letter from Capt. Mayhew Folger of the ship Topaz written from Chile in 1808. It was during this voyage that Capt. Folger touched at Pitcairn's Island for water and discovered the survivor of the Bounty and the descendants of the mutineers. From the diary of Obed Macy Dr. Congdon read an amusing account of "Snakes on Nantucket". The serving of refreshments brought to a close an enjoyable and interesting meeting.

J. B. Fuller, Secretary



Meeting of Winter Club October 28 - 1935.

On Monday evening, October 28, 1935 the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Walls.

Present: Messrs. Jenney, Kellogg, Fuller, Blodgett, Lawett, Stackpole, Sanguinetti, and Drs. Walls, Congdon and Menger. Dr. <sup>Wm. J.</sup> Harry Stevens, Elias P. Kimball and Col. Praeger were the guests of the evening.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. The secretary read the report of the Program Committee which provides for the meetings to January 13th inclusive.

President Congdon introduced Mr. Stackpole whose subject was "The European Situation and American Neutrality", but expressed more briefly the evening discussion was upon "Will there be another war?". Mr. Stackpole said that Germany holds the key to the situation. Great Britain by virtue of her great navy is the world's policeman. Germany and Japan have a friendly understanding. The Japanese navy is on a par with the U. S. navy. If the U. S. does



not offer her help England may have to fight alone. We must accept and carry out sanctions to help head off a prolonged war.

The discussion which followed was participated in by each person present. Varied and interesting opinions were offered.

The prevailing opinion of our group seemed to be that the U. S. would not be drawn into this war. After partaking of hot dogs and other good eats and drinks the meeting adjourned at 10-30 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Seventeenth Meeting of Winter Club, November 11, 1938

On Monday evening, November 11th, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Fenney.  
 Present: Messrs. Snelling, Fenney, Killogg, Congdon, Blodgett, Fawcett, Smith, Wall and Fuller. Messrs. Menely, Crosby, Stevens, Kimball, Col. Praeger and Dr. Stevens were the guests of the evening. The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Fuller who spoke upon "The New Deal". The speaker said he hoped to offer many pro and con opinions upon the new deal at <sup>the</sup> read both Republican and Democratic papers, but during the month since the subject was allotted to him he found in the democratic organ only two pertinent editorial statements and they were both critical of certain features of the Roosevelt program. Therefore, all the comments bearing upon the new deal, <sup>which he read</sup> were critical of it. They were mostly from editorials, speeches and special writings.

Various phases of the New Deal were discussed for an hour and a half in a most interest-



ing and vigorous way although the utmost good nature prevailed between those who were upholders, or tolerant of, the New Deal and those who were opposed to it.

On the whole the sentiment of the gathering was critical of the New Deal.

after the serving of refreshments and a brief summing up the club adjourned at 11 P.M.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Eighteenth meeting of Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 25, 1935, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Fawcett.

Present: Messrs. Jenny, Congdon, Blodgett, Fawcett, Menger, Stackpole, Smith, Wall and Juler.  
 The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. Voted: That Dr. Wall be asked to convey the Club's greetings and good wishes to Mr. Bennett together with the gift of a book which would have to do with the battle of Jutland.

Messrs. Hill, Praeger, Webster, Mathur and Stevens were guests of the club.

Pres. Congdon introduced Dr. Wm. C. Stevens who described in a most graphic and realistic way, Jutland - the great battle of the sea which took place on May 31, 1916, the only real fleet action since Trafalgar. He told of the origin of the German navy with its up-to-date equipment and non-sinkable ships. He mentioned the accurate work done with their guns. He told in detail of the first, second and third encounters. The British tonnage was nearly double that of



the German and the British casualties in men were more than double. The tactics of the Germans were superior to those of the British, and even Admiral Jellicoe did not know what had happened to his fleet until long after the battle.

The question as to who won the Jutland battle has always been a matter of dispute in which Englishmen vehemently disagreed. Dr. Stevens, in answer to questions asked during the discussion which followed, gave additional information and further facts in regard to this great encounter.

After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.45.

F. D. Fuller, Secy.



Fifteenth meeting of Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 9, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Blodgett.

Present: Messrs. Junney, Congdon, Blodgett, Lawcitt, Menger, Staefipole, Smith and Fuller. Col. Praeger, Mr. Webster and Dr. Stevens were guests.

The records of the last meeting were read and accepted. Pres. Congdon introduced Dr. Wm. O. Stevens who told about "The English Public Schools" a year ago. Last June he visited some English schools and attended one upon "Speech day" which is their designation of graduation day. He described the various types of schools and spoke of the tremendous power of Harrow and Rugby. Free education is provided for up to age 14. Self discipline prevails in the universities and he described "fagging". Radical changes in education are not appreciated in England. Dr. Stevens alluded to the contrast between our accommodations in the way of light and heat and thirst and mentioned their treatment of swimming pools which after a time become as attractive as



soup would be for swimming purposes.  
Their method of education does not try to  
make silk purses out of hogs' ears.

The usual interesting discussion followed  
before and after the serving of re-  
freshments. The meeting adjourned at 10.45.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



## Twentieth meeting of Winter Club.

On Monday evening, January 13th, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Smith.

Present: Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Blodgett, Fawcett, Dr. Menger, Messrs. Smith and Fuller. The guests of the evening were Col. Praeger, Messrs. Webster and Hill. The records of the last meeting were read and accepted.

Voted: That the Program Committee be asked to continue to function until the end of the club year and that Mr. Smith be added to it in place of Dr. Walls who is absent for the winter.

Voted: That the next meeting be held on January 20th instead of the 27th.

Dr. Congdon introduced Mr. Smith who spoke about the "Future Possibilities of Nantuxet". He considered the possibilities of Nantuxet unlimited. The work of the Civic League is a fundamental help. He considered the local political situation to be improving. The mosquito control project is very important and has increased the value of out-of-town property. The plan of advertising the town should be continued.



The discussion was varied and interesting. answering questions Col. Praeger told of the work of the Civic League and said about half of its members were permanent residents and the other half summer residents. He wished that gainful occupations along local handicraft lines could be developed and carried on during the winter. Mr. Gill as a resident of another island - Bermuda - for many years, hoped Nantucket would not follow some of the shortsighted methods used to induce tourists to discover Bermuda. Soon after the serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned at

11 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-first meeting of Winter Club.

On Monday evening, January 20th, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Menges. Present: Drs. Congdon and Menges, Messrs. Blodgett, Jewett, Stackpole, Sanguinetti, Smith and Fuller. The guests of the evening were Col. Praeger, Messrs. Webster, Coggins, Teill, Kimball, Lake and Giffin. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Pres. Congdon announced as his subject for the evening: "A discussion of the articles of the warrant." At the outset he stated that in order that the tax rate should not exceed  $\frac{1}{25}$  per \$1000 the appropriations for the coming year should not be more than \$318,000. For three hours Dr. Congdon brought up item after item in detail giving the cost of such items for 1935 and the appropriations requested for 1936 and replied to questions which were freely asked during the discussion. The two members of the Finance Commission, Messrs. Giffin and Lake, also favored us with answers to questions asked. The various topics were, as they came up,



talked over in a free and easy way and made a most interesting session. No one had a chance to nod. Some of the items which were dwelt upon more than casually were: Extra hours for the comfort stations; Street lighting and new lights; Welfare work and its cost; Uncollected taxes; Street work; Use of the Sanford house for town offices; Water supply and sewage beds; Mosquito control work.

Immediately after refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-second meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 10th, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Fuller. Present: Messrs. Fawcett, Smith, Fuller and Dr. Menges. The guests were Col. Praeger, Messrs. Webster, Kimball & Coggins. In the absence of Pres. Congdon Col. Praeger was made chairman of the meeting. The records of the previous <sup>meeting</sup> were read and accepted.

Voted: That the Winter Club place on record its hearty appreciation of the conscientious and painstaking work which our president, Dr. Congdon, performed as chairman of the Finance Committee. Chairman Praeger introduced Mr. Fawcett whose subject was, "Reminiscences or What Not?"

Mr. Fawcett in his own inimitable way gave us anecdotes of the stage and actors culled from the experiences of his long career. He told of the early days of the movies; touched upon the philosophy of the Greeks and offered many classical quotations. He said that the world was busy developing machines to destroy civil-



ization. Business controls newspapers as they won't offend advertisers. Mr. Fancett swayed many times from optimism to pessimism and then back again.

The usual discussion followed before and after the serving of refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 10-45  
F.V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-third meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 24th, 1936, the Winter Club met at home of Col. Praeger.

Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Fawcett, San-  
guinetti, Smith and Fuller. The guests were Messrs.  
Praeger, Webster, Gill and Kimball. The records of  
the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Voted: That the limit for associate membership be  
increased to ten. Voted: That Messrs. Praeger, Web-  
ster, Gill and Kimball be admitted to the Winter  
Club as associate members.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Gill whose subject  
was: Suitable Types of architecture for Nantucket.

Mr. Gill defined architecture and said it  
should be both aesthetic <sup>and practical</sup>. He touched upon  
Colonial architecture and said that in the  
north there few porches but as one goes south  
they increase in number until in the southern  
states porches prevail. He told of an ordinance  
of 1668 to the effect that no timbers were to be  
felled for building except during the first two  
weeks of June. Imported brick were used for



chimneys. He was thankful that there were not many Mansard roofs in town. Mr. Tejl gave some illustrative anecdotes bearing upon construction in Germany, Bermuda and England. Our big, central chimneys are anchors to the houses. In Bermuda they are often at the ends of houses.

He praised the Underhill cottages as practical reproductions of fishermen's shacks. He deplored the filigree work and exhibits of the Robinson era and cited the Pacific National Bank, Pacific Club building and Folger Block as examples of simplicity and charm. He spoke of the Starbuck houses, Wm. Tongdon's residence, the Macy and Hyer houses as excellent examples of residences. He thought a Building Dept. or Planning Board composed of an architect, builder and layman would aid in upholding the New-England type of construction. Mr. Tejl's talk was of great interest and highly appreciated. The general discussion followed



and many questions were asked and answered. after partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.

Twenty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.  
a meeting of the Winter Club took place on the evening of March 9, 1936 at the home of

Fred H. Webster on Stone alley. It was a little after 8 o'clock when President Congdon called the assemblage together, the following being present: Mr. Webster, Col. Praeger, Messrs. Kimball, Blodgett, Sawcett, Hill, Smith, Staekpole and Dr. Manges. In the absence of Mr. Fuller, secretary, Mr. Staekpole was appointed to act in that capacity. Pres. Congdon then introduced the host, Mr. Webster, whose subject was "An American in London".

Mr. Webster described his experiences while traveling to and in England. From the moment he took ship in New York, he carried his listeners with him. Eleven days were spent in Liverpool,



quite an unprecedented stay for an American, but Mr. & Mrs. Webster were on a business trip as well as pleasure trip, and proceeded to combine both with advantage. A visit to Chester followed, and then London - the goal of their trip. With a rare eye for interesting anecdote, Mr. Webster sketched the highlights of his visit to London and England, and touched upon many particulars in English life that differ from our own. His discourse was closely followed. At the conclusion of Mr. Webster's remarks, several other members of the Club told of their trips to the "fright little isle".

Refreshments rounded out a most informative and pleasant evening.

(Signed) E. A. Stackpole  
Secy. pro tem



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening March 23d, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Kimball. Present: Drs. Congdon and Menges, Col. Praeger, Messrs. Blodgett, Stackpole, Smith, Webster Kimball and Fuller, Dr. Wallis and Mr. Gjes. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Blodgett whose subject was "Modern Literature." Mr. Blodgett offered a comprehensive definition of literature as follows: "The written or printed productions of the human mind collectively, especially such productions as are marked by elevation, vigor and catholicity of thought; by fitness, purity and grace of style, and by artistic construction." He said that we read as we travel, all with different motives; for business, to buy or sell. And there's an education group, doctors to study, others go for rest and recreation and then there's the wandering type. Each of these types has its counterpart among those who peruse books. They dip into travel, problems of governments, essays, drama, fiction, biography.



He found Galsworthy, Shaw, Barrie and O'Neill's plays stimulating. Modern biography dwells upon realism and leaves out idealism. The outstanding essayists are English. The speaker said that modern poetry was beyond him although he enjoyed some of Robert Frost's. Likes English fiction writers better than American. He quoted a statement to the effect that modern fiction was neurotic, erotic or daimonic. Upton Sinclair tries to deal with important movements in life. He alluded to the literature of escape. Mrs. Blodgett's talk was broad and vivid with considerable generalization but illustrated by pertinent details and was much enjoyed.

The usual discussion followed and each one present had an opportunity to mention his favorite story teller, essayist, poet or humorist. Soon after refreshing the inner man the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.  
F.V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Winter Club.

In Monday evening, April 13, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon. Present: Drs. Congdon, Menges, and Walls, Col. Praeger, Messrs. Blodgett, Stackpole, Smith, Kimball, Sanguinetti, Hill and Fuller. Records read and accepted.

Voted: That Dr. Wm. C. Stevens be invited to become an associate member of the Winter Club.

Introduced by Pres. Congdon, Mr. Sanguinetti talked about "Proprietary Rights".

Mr. Sanguinetti reached back into the early days of Nantuxet island and gave a resume of the origin and treatment of the common and undivided land. The first layout was 20 shares of 20 acres each while 14 half shares were also granted. The first actual setoff of land which included beaches on the larger ponds was made 50 years ago. There is probably no land of value which can now be set off so that sheep commons are of no particular value at present. In 1820 stretches of shore were offered to the town, but the town would not accept them.



The area of the island is about 23,000 acres. One sheep common was supposed to maintain 8 sheep or 2 cows and 1 horse. The town owns 37 sheep commons while the Nantuxet Cranberry Co. owns over 500.

Mr. Sanguinetti cited numerous facts, figures and mentioned certain judicial opinions which had been rendered. The discussion which followed gave us the various phases of this complicated situation in regard to Nantuxet lands, but probably no one present felt he could come anywhere near posing as an expert in this direction. The meeting adjourned at 11-15 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty seventh meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, April 27th, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Wallis.

Present: Drs. Wallis and Congdon, Col. Praeger, Messrs. Smith, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Jenney and Fuller. Col. Stewart and Mr. Karl Satter were present by invitation. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Noted: That each member at the meeting of May 1936 be invited to give a brief account of some trip he has made. After being introduced by Pres. Congdon Col. Praeger read a forcible and clear paper on National Defense. He said in part: That in nearly every generation has found us unprepared. During the world war we used machinery and materials produced by others. Col. Praeger cited illustrations pertinent to his subject. The navy is our first line of defense and is now in a high state of efficiency. A new program is underway to bring the navy up to the agreed upon limit. In five years 1900 planes will be avail.



able for use. The army is the second line of defense and numbers 177,000 men. Our third line of defense is the militia.

Col. Praeger highly approved of the CCC camp as offering an excellent opportunity for introducing discipline to young men.

We have made great strides in national defense since the world war. In closing, Col. Praeger quoted Washington's farewell address to the American people on the occasion of his retirement from public life.

In the discussion Col. Stewart, Dr. Congdon and Mr. Gill vigorously upheld the pronounced views of Col. Praeger in favor of systematic and adequate preparation for defense and cited numerous instances from their own war experiences which made us think back to the conditions which surrounded primitive man.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.

adjourned at 10.45 PM.



Twenty-eighth meeting of the Winter Club.  
 On Monday evening, May 11, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Jenney although our host was unavoidably absent from the island.  
 Present: Mr. Congdon, Col. Praeger, Messrs. Kellogg, Blackpole, Smith, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Stevens and Fuller.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted although Col. Praeger suggested a minor change to show that in commending etc he didn't swallow the new Deal ~~at~~ in other directions.

Voted: That the thanks and appreciation of the Club be extended to Mrs. Jenney for her hospitality and refreshments.

Pres. Congdon said the program for the evening would be made up of brief accounts of trips made by <sup>the</sup> members present. Mr. Fuller read extracts from an account he wrote for a Boston paper of a trip he made to the City of Mexico in 1896.

Col. Praeger followed with an account of a trip he made when he was eight years old with his



father. His Cunard liner was barf-rigged and used both propeller and sails upon her eight day trip to Queenstown. He spoke of the contrast between the size and fittings of this early Cunarder and the great modern boats which are like huge hotels.

He journeyed with Mr. Leitch to Azores, Madeiras, Sts. of Gibraltar, Algiers, Sicily and Naples.

He did not like Tacism and all its minute regulations and requirements. He returned from England. Mr. Kimball's account of his journey by plane to India and Persia was a tale of experiences off of the beaten track and had a flavor which was all its own.

Mr. Webster told of his sudden start for a four weeks' stay in Key West with his distinguished legal friend Stephen Baldwin. Incidentally he visited Havana and Dry Tortugas. Incidents of his experiences afloat and ashore were most vividly told, after partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

F.D. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.  
 On Monday evening, May 25, 1936, the Winter  
 Club met at the home of Mr. Kellogg.

Present: Messrs. Snelling, Jenney, Kellogg, Congdon,  
 Blodgett, Sanguinetti, Smith, Praeger, Webster,  
 Hill, Kimball, Stevens and Fuller. Messrs. Crosby  
 and Gardner were present by invitation.

The records of the previous meeting were read  
 and accepted.

Voted: That the secretary be instructed to cast  
 one ballot in favor of the present officers of the  
 club. This was done and Messrs. Congdon, Fuller  
 and Bennett were declared elected as Pres., Secy.,  
 and Treas. for the club year of 1936-37 together  
 with the present vice-presidents Messrs. Snelling  
 and Post.

Voted: That the Secy. be appointed chairman of  
 a committee of three to arrange for the program  
 for the coming year.

Voted: That Mr. Kellogg be appointed chairman  
 of a committee to arrange for a midsummer din-  
 ner for club members and their friends.



Pres. Congdon presented Mr. Kellogg who read a paper on "The Colonial Lords of Manors in America". All were greatly impressed with the patient study and research which this thorough and condensed account of these early grants entailed. Mr. Kellogg's opening paragraph showed how great the present interest was in these important allotments of territory made some 300 years ago and how it is maintained by means of an organization.

He said: "The order of Colonial Lords of America is intended to bind into a family group the present day descendants of those socially prominent leaders in business and government activities in the colonies before the American Revolution". Patroonships, manors and seigniories numbered 23, 4 under the Dutch, 18 manors under the English and 1 under the French. They date from 1630. He named many of them in detail. One of the most important was the Livingston Manor granted in 1686 and located on the east side of the



Hudson about 30 miles below Albany. The discussion which followed brought out many additional facts bearing upon these early grants and each speaker expressed his satisfaction and interest in Mr. Kellogg's carefully prepared paper. After refreshments had been served the meeting adjourned at 10-30 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Thirtieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, October 13, 1936 the Club met at the home of Col. Praeger. Present: Col. Praeger, Messrs. Snelling, Kellogg, Congdon, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill and Fuller. Messrs. Baldwin, Brigham, Crosby, Welch and Congdon were the guests of the evening. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Voted: That the thanks of the Club be extended to Mr. Kellogg in appreciation of his efficient and single-handed work in arranging for the Club's midsummer dinner.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Hill as the speaker of the evening. His subject was "Prinping." He handled this subject in a light and witty vein. He told of the installation of the statue of Bacchante in the fountain located in the court of the Boston Public Library and how the work was done during the night and without being discovered by reporters. His treatment of and



comments upon habits of drinking recalled many incidents to the minds of his listeners and the present and former aspects and results of drinking in various countries were commented upon by a number of speakers.

Each one present told pertinent and humorous anecdotes bearing upon drinking and Mrs. Kellogg introduced a novelty by singing a drinking song of bygone college days.

after refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10-15 P<sup>m</sup>. It was an evening of knifples.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Thirty-first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, October 26, 1936, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon.

Present: Messrs. Kellogg, Congdon, Fuller, Bledgett, Stackpole, Praeger, Webster, Gill and Kimball. Messrs. Brigham and Crosby were the guests of the evening. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. On account of the temporary absence of Pres. Congdon, Col. Praeger, at the Secretary's request, introduced Mr. Stackpole, his subject being "The influence of the War of 1812 upon present day America".

The direct cause of the war was the impressment of American seamen. He made many interesting statements concerning the origin and the conduct of the war and its results. Our population in 1812 was 8,000,000. Kentucky's men won the war on land. The British public was not behind the Admiralty in this war.



This war and all others have shown that our greatest need is a large navy. Yantucket was a victim of the war in men and ships.

The war ended in February, 1815. The outstanding achievements of the war were: Defence and preservation of our territory and the development of national consciousness and cohesion. The discussion which followed was most interesting as various individual views and impressions were set forth.

Mr. Stackpole's ready answers to numerous queries evinced the thoroughness with which he had gone into the subject of the evening. After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



# Thirty-second Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 9, 1936,  
the Winter Club met at the home of Mr.  
Everett W. Grosby.

Present: Messrs. Snelling, Bennett, Kellogg,  
Congdon, Fuller, Blodgett, Menger, Stackpole,  
Smith, Praeger, Webster, Gill and Kimball.

Mr. Grosby was the Club's guest as well as host.  
The records of the previous meeting were read  
and approved. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Grosby  
whose subject was The "Do's and Don't's"  
of Nantucket architecture. He made a pleasant  
and vigorous plea as to the desirability of preserv-  
ing the old architectural features of the town.  
He read his preliminary copy of a proposed book-  
let to be issued in the spring and illustrated  
with 75 photographs and drawings. His concern  
was with visible exteriors only. In a certain  
specified district there <sup>are</sup> 311 houses of the old type  
which will be listed in detail in the booklet,  
33 of these houses have walks upon them. Mr.  
Grosby exhibited a sketch of a "House Terrible"



showing what not to do in house building. He cited the details of a typical old Nantucket house and said that its simplicity probably came from the Quaker influence and the necessity for economy. He ended by quoting from Walter P. Eaton who paid high tribute to Nantucket architecture. Mr. Crosby's proposed method of interesting those who expect to build houses and contractors was clear, practical and convincing and was unanimously approved by those present. The discussion which followed was particularly interesting and commendatory and after each one had spoken it was Voted: That the Winter Club stand back of Mr. Crosby in his efforts to preserve <sup>and continue</sup> the old architectural features of Nantucket and that its members aid him in every possible way. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



### Third Meeting of the Winter Club

On Monday evening, November 23, 1936, the Club met at the home of Mr. Webster.

Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Menges, Stackpole, Sanguinetti, Smith, Webster, Hill, Kimball and Jellers. Messrs. Brigham and Codd were the guests of the evening. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Pres. Congdon called first upon Mr. Blodgett who gave us the record or log of a trip by auto from Colorado Springs to the Pacific Coast and back in 1923. It was an interesting and witty account of his picturesque journey. One hard sleep day called for the breaking in of two spare tires and the use of a tow line. The Pacific Ocean looked gray and forbidding under a cloudy sky upon their first view of it. They were awed by their glimpses into the Grand Canyon. They travelled some 3,000 miles from start to finish.

Mr. Webster told in an interesting way of a boy's trip from New York to Savannah in



January, 1879. He obtained seven substantial orders for silverware and crockery in Savan-  
nah and his account of the unusual and  
even unique way in which these sales were  
made was wittily told. While on this trip he  
was arrested twice and fined \$10. and \$3. on  
account of not having taken out licenses to  
sell. This first unique selling trip started  
him upon his career as a salesman which  
continued for fifty years. Mr. Congdon  
gave a realistic account of some of his army  
experiences and told of trips to Metz and the  
surrounding country the day before and sever-  
al days after the armistice was signed.  
He rummaged around amongst the stuff  
left by the Germans and picked up a  
number of real souvenirs. Metz is won-  
derfully fortified, but these fortifications  
are invisible to ordinary observers.

after partaking of refreshments the meet-  
ing adjourned at 10.45 P.M.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



# Thirty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 14th, 1936, the Club met, by invitation, at the home of Mr. Brigham. The records of the previous meeting were read <sup>and accepted.</sup>  
 Present: Messrs. Congdon, Menges, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill & Fuller. Messrs. Brigham and Congdon were the guests of the evening. Pres. Congdon introduced Dr. Menges who told about "Recent Developments in Medicine and Surgery". He mentioned ten outstanding new treatments, mechanical and otherwise, which are being tried out. Discussions and answers to questions as the various items were presented by Dr. Menges enlightened the laymen present and clarified their understanding of the matters presented. A new insulin for use in diabetes and for improving the appetite was the first item on the list. 2<sup>d</sup> artificial fever machines for the treatment of syphilis and gonorrhoea were described. 3<sup>d</sup> Mandelin acid for producing antiseptic action on urine.



4th. Use of helium and oxygen for relief in asthma. 5th. Use of potassium and ammonium salts in diuretics. 6th. Use of splenic extracts in healing fractures. 7th. The Payvor machine, a suction and pressure appliance for increasing circulation in hardening of the arteries etc. 8th. Contact lenses worn in the eyes and the bull type of lenses were described. 9th. The gastroscope, a complicated flexible tube for examining the stomach. 10th. Angina pectoris, account of attempts made to give the heart new circulation through surgical treatment. As the meeting went on questions which arose in the minds of his non-technical listeners were clearly explained by the speaker. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Thirty-Fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 28, 1936, the Winter Club met at the residence of Mr. Smith. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Menger, Sanguinetti, Smith and Zeller. Messrs. Bingham, Congdon and Coggins were the guests of the evening. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Sanguinetti whose subject was: "Law for the Layman". Mr. Sanguinetti in a most practical and helpful way dealt with two topics: Wills and the Social Security Law. He said that perhaps 99% of the wills offered for probate were upheld during the last ten years. He mentioned what happened under the law if a man, with or without a family, died intestate. He told of the advantages of making a will and said it might be in pencil, ink or type writing. Two fundamental requirements



are the signature and witnesses - three in Massachusetts, two in New York. Mr. Sanguinetti was freely questioned and his statements discussed as he went along.

The Social Security act has eleven titles or sections. Mr. Sanguinetti confirmed his remarks first, to Pensions which must be matched by the States, second, Retirement Benefits to be paid by the Federal Government if the individual has paid taxes for at least five years. The maximum payment per month being \$85 and the minimum \$10. third, the Unemployment Insurance Fund to which those who employ eight or more persons must contribute. The minimum payment per week is \$5, the maximum \$15. Fuzzy ideas held by some members in certain directions were surely clarified by Mr. Sanguinetti's direct and practical statements. After partaking of refreshments the meeting broke up at 10.30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Thirty-sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening January 14th. the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Menges.

Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Menges, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill and Fuller. The guests of the evening were Messrs. Congdon, Coggins and Grant. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Quite a little discussion ensued as to the advisability of taking up and considering the articles of the Town Warrant at the next meeting and it was voted: That the next meeting be held on Friday evening, January 22d and that the evening be devoted to considering some of the articles appearing in the Town Warrant for 1937.

Pres. Congdon announced that the subject before the club for the evening was "Whaling" and that Mr. Grant would answer questions relating thereto. In way of a preface Mr. Stackpole, upon request, read an account of an interesting interview he had with Mr. Grant and which was published in



the Inquirer & Mirror of August 7th, 1935 at the conclusion of this condensed life history of Mr. Grant, questions were in order and for two hours Mr. Grant answered comments relating to whaling and allied subjects in a clear and comprehensive way. His replies were always apt and often touches of wit and humor stood out in them. Some of the snappy anecdotes and yarns he told resulted in much hilarity and the evening will for a long time stand out as a unique one during which an important industry of bygone days was temporarily and vividly revived by a former participant therein. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



### Thirty-seventh of the Winter Club

On Friday evening, January 22, 1937, the Winter Club met at home of Mr. Stackpole.

Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Menges, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Congdon and Jones. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Pres. Congdon opened the meeting by stating that the articles of the Town Warrant for 1937 were before the club for discussion and Mr. Stackpole handed copies of the warrant to each member of the circle.

Article 31 bearing upon the registration of the Bathing Beach was taken up and an hour and a half was occupied in discussing this item. In summing up the matter Mr. Congdon stated that he considered, from the latest information obtainable, that all objections having been withdrawn, no reason existed why the matter should not be considered closed and the Town's title to this property registered at once. Article 22, bearing



upon the things asked for in connection with the Academy Hill School were gone into in some detail. Articles 24, 34, 42, 98, 74 and 44 were commented upon. The fact that our president is chairman of the Finance Committee and hence in close touch with the multitudinous details of town affairs afforded the members of the club an opportunity to obtain first hand information concerning all the items under discussion and this condition of things changed the discussion from a casual talk to an authoritative conference of decided interest and significance. After the serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11-30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Thirty-eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 8, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Tejel. Present: Messrs. Congdon, Blodgett, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Tejel, Kimball and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Congdon and Coggins.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. President Congdon opened the meeting by inquiring if anyone wished to offer objections to the Finance Committee's report. Two items, the road to the Jaepke farm and the bathing beach were commented upon. The president then gave the floor to the speaker of the evening, Mr. Kimball, whose subject was: "Scientific Work in Nantuxet". He divided his subject into two sections: Nantuxeters who have distinguished themselves in science and a record of the results of scientific work in connection with, or bearing upon, Nantuxet. Mr. Kimball had assembled in a carefully made index 475 titles of scientific



articles, including some that were now-scientific, which were divided into 17 different fields as follows: astronomy, biography, birds, botany, climatology, coast and geodetic works, insects, fishes, geology, vertebrates, mammals, marine biology and mollusks, marine algae, reptiles, snakes or tantupet, soils and trees. Under some of these headings he quoted brief and pertinent statements from a number of writers.

Mr. Kimball gave us a wholly different and distinctive evening as compared with all previous meetings in which everything he said was tied to or revolved around tantupet. After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.45.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



# Thirty ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 22<sup>d</sup>, 1937, the Winter Club met, by invitation, at the home of Mr. Frank Congdon. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Present: Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Blood, Gitt, Stackpole, Smith, Hill, Kimball & Fuller. Messrs. Congdon, Coggins, Longee and Franklin were the guests of the evening.

After some casual talk about the Bathing Beach commandment, Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Frank Congdon who told about the Telephone Industry, confining himself almost wholly to the personnel or human and industrial relations between employer and employee in the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. Mr. Congdon showed in a most interesting and vivid way how closely in touch the company officials and their vast number of employees became through employee representation which the company set in operation in 1919.



This condition of industrial understanding and harmony came about largely by putting the four C's into operation on both sides of the fence, the four C's standing for contact, conference, confidence and co-operation. Mr. Tongdon concluded his preliminary description of this most successful and comprehensive plan by reading the concluding portion of an address made by Pres. Barnard of the N. J. Bell Telephone Co. which was a broad, equitable and complete summing up of what should be the ideal relations between employer and employee. The further light which was brought out by the discussion clarified our understanding of the whole matter and exhibited the splendid results achieved by this telephone company's system of procedure.

after partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11-15.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Fortieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, March 8, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Kimball. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Present: Dr. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Blodgett, Minges, Sanguinetti, Smith, Gill, Kimball and Fuller. Guests were Messrs. Congdon and Coggins.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Kellogg in which he sent greetings to the club from Elvira, Miss. The president introduced Mr. Blodgett whose subject was: The Constitution and Supreme Court. He stated that his talk would be based upon two questions: Ought the Supreme Court to have the power to amend acts of Congress? and, would Congress be justified in enlarging the Supreme Court to make sure that its legislation would be upheld? Mr. Blodgett went back to the days of the thirteen states and alluded to their individualistic ideas and actions. He told of the call for and action at the first constitutional convention held in Philadelphia and <sup>said</sup> the resulting constitution was a series of compro-



mises adopted by a narrow margin. The  
 third article has to do with the judiciary.  
 One suggestion was that the supreme court ought  
 to have veto power along with the president. Chief  
 Justice Marshall first annulled an act as being  
 contrary to the constitution. Congress has resented  
 the court's setting aside its acts. Two constructive  
 suggestions were made during the discussion  
 to the effect that a two-thirds vote ought to be  
 required in decisions by the supreme court ~~and~~  
 that and that congress ought to be given power  
 to ask the supreme court if a specific act would  
 be unconstitutional. The sentiment of the meet-  
 ing was unanimously against immediately  
 increasing the number of judges as proposed  
 by the president. Dr. Congdon announced that  
 Messrs. Franklin and Lorge, guests at the  
 meeting of February 22d, had invited the mem-  
 bers of the Winter Club and their wives to in-  
 spect the telephone building on Tuesday evening  
 March 16th, at 8 o'clock. After partaking of re-  
 freshments the meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.  
 J. J. Fuller, Secy.



# July's first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, March 22, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Present: Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Wales, Webster and Fuller. Guests were Messrs. Congdon, Turner, Mather, Johnson, Coggins and Longee. Voted: That the secretary extend to Mr. Hall the club's sympathy and regret for the sudden loss which has confronted him in the going of Mrs. Hall.

Dr. Congdon introduced Mr. Mather whose subject was: "The Rates for Electricity in Nantucket." Mr. Mather discussed with thoroughness and detail all phases of the various summer and year round rates and told of the variations in types of rates as used in other places based upon the number of lamps, rooms, area etc. In Nantucket the minimum charge block rate is used.

He laid special emphasis upon the fact that to cover its taxes, depreciation, and all of its overhead expenses and earn a fair return upon



its capital stock while using its full capacity for only three months in the year, higher rates had to be charged here than in places where the output was more uniform. Service at large expense has been provided for Sconset where there are 25 users in summer and 7 in winter, Surfside with 19 users in summer and 2 in the winter, Madaket 28 in summer and 4 in winter.

Mr. Mather gave concise answers to three many questions asked and more than a dozen large cards with figures, tables and curves plotted upon them were passed around as aids in understanding Nantucket's seasonal ups and downs in electricity. Mr. Mather invited the members of the club to visit and inspect the electric and gas plants on Monday, the 29th at 4 P.M.

After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J. B. Fuller, Secy.



Forty-second Meeting of the Winter Club  
 on Monday evening April 12, 1937, the  
 Winter met at the home of F. J. Fuller.

The records of the previous meeting were read  
 and accepted. Present: Pres. Congdon, Messrs.  
 Smith, Menger, Wallis, Kimball & Fuller. The  
 guests were Messrs. Congdon, Tice and Mather.  
 Introduced by Pres. Congdon Mr. Tice gave  
 us a "Circus" night. He was for ten years  
 with Barnum, Bailey and Ringling Bros. as  
 advance agent and during this time visited  
 all of the states except Nevada. He told  
 of the origin of the circus in Rome and  
 the beginning of the modern circus in  
 England in 1660. Barnum's first success  
 came from featuring Jenny Lind. He touched  
 upon the rivalries of the different  
 circus organizations and their final  
 junction as in the "Greatest Show on Earth".  
 He brought out the rigid system and  
 detail which had to be followed by the  
 1400 circus employees in erecting the



outfit for a one night stand  
in order that 5,000 people could be housed  
and seated. Mr. Tice gave us a most  
vivid and complete picture of circus do-  
ings and provided an evening of out-  
standing interest and individuality.

In answer to queries further incidents  
and anecdotes were related during the  
half hour following the refreshments.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Forty-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening April 26, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Dr. Wallt. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Those present were: Pres. Congdon in the chair, Messrs. Kellogg, Stackpole, Smith, Wallt, Praeger, Webster, Hill and Fuller. Col. Stewart was our guest. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Stackpole as the speaker of the evening. His subject was: "A Return with the Manuscripters to Civil War Battlefields." All present probably knew that Manuscript was the banner town in the United States in the matter of subscriptions for the Liberty Loan, but probably not one of Mr. Stackpole's listeners realized, until he proved it by figures and achievements cited, that it was also a banner town in the civil war. It contributed 213 men to the army and 126 to the navy, 39 of the 339 who participated in the war became officers and about 70 whose names appear upon the Soldiers Monument



were killed in battle. Mr. Stackpole said he hoped that Nantasket's part in the civil war would be adequately written up some time. The story of the civil war is the life of the private in the ranks. Nantasket was active in the abolition ranks. William L. Garrison discovered Frederick Douglass in New Bedford and brought him to Nantasket where he made his first outstanding speech in 1844. Mr. Stackpole told of his visit to Ball's Bluff where the first disastrous battle of the war was fought. He visited Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Harpers Ferry and Gettysburg. Due to lack of time he had to omit Petersburg and other battle points. These visits made the battles fought at these places more real to him than merely reading of them and he impressed much of this realism upon his listeners. Mr. Stackpole told interesting anecdotes concerning Nantasket men who were on the battlefields which included interviews with our local survivors, James H. Wood and James H. Barrett, both of whom are 92 years old. After remarks the meeting adjourned at 10:30. J. B. Fuller, Secy.



Fifty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening May 10, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Kellogg.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Those present were Messrs. Congdon, Kellogg, Stackpole, Kimball, Wells, Smith and Fuller. Col. Stewart was our guest.

Mrs. Congdon called upon Mr. Kellogg whose subject was: "The Gulf Coast and some Legends". Mr. Kellogg defined the Gulf Coast as comprising the region of the west coast of Florida extending west across Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. He dwelt particularly upon Biloxi where he and Mrs. Kellogg were located for the winter. He called many interesting facts concerning this territory from Premier's history which were not familiar to New Englanders. He told of visits to many places and his description of the famous Bellingrath gardens, located about 20 miles south of Mobile was most alluring. It was in



full azalea bloom. He touched upon  
 the neighborhood architecture and his  
 post cards, in color, gave us a closer up  
 glimpse of typical dwellings. Mr. Kellogg's  
 paper bore evidence of ~~much~~ careful com-  
 piling and patient work while his accounts  
 of the legends which had been handed down  
 were told in a most picturesque way. His  
 allotted field was covered in a most com-  
 prehensive way which was appreciated and  
 enjoyed by his listeners. After partaking  
 of refreshments the meeting adjourned at  
 10:30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



# Fifty fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening May 24, 1937 the Winter Club met at home of Dr. Waller. Before the meeting was formally opened a small group of active members met in a side room and voted: That the election of officers for the year to come be postponed until the first Fall meeting to be held on October 11, 1937.

The meeting was called to order at 8.15 and the records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, in the chair, Messrs. Kellogg, Sanguinetti, Smith, Waller, Praeger, Webster, Gill and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Congdon, Brigham and Selden. Voted: That Mr. Stackpole be appointed chairman of the Program Committee for the coming year with the privilege of selecting two associates. Voted: That Master Penny Alexander Stackpole be made a junior member of the Winter Club. Voted: That a summer meeting and dinner be held and that Col. Praeger be appointed chairman of a committee to



carry this out. Pres. Congdon stated that  
 his announced subject had to do with  
 his experiences during the World War, but  
 as at a previous meeting he had given some  
 account of his activities during the war he  
 would this evening touch upon some items  
 of Nantucket history and give an account of  
 some of its citizens of bygone days. He began  
 by mentioning Frederick C. Sanford, a promi-  
 nent citizen, his career, his residence, its  
 surroundings and other property. Mr. Sanford  
 entertained Presidents Grant and Arthur.  
 He left a substantial estate and, in bequest,  
 about \$40,000 went to the Athenaeum and the  
 same sum to the Town and to the Unit-  
 arian Church. An interesting and vivid ac-  
 count of interviews with Mr. Sanford setting  
 forth his reminiscences and anecdotes of  
 his day and its activities was read by Dr.  
 Congdon. This was written by Charles Burr  
 Todd, who also wrote an enlivening ac-  
 count of Gov. Lincoln's visit to Nantucket in



June, 1825. The governor and party came to Nantucket via packet from Falmouth. a series of dramatic interviews with sea captains at the Captains' Room in which many outstanding tales of shipwreck were set forth was also read by Dr. Congdon. It was an evening of absorbing interest. After partaking of hot dogs and other refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

J. D. Fuller, Secy.



# Forty-sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, October 1/11, 1937, the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Post.

Before the program of the evening was set going the active members assembled in a side room and elected the following officers for 1937-38. President, Charles E. Congdon; Vice Presidents, Rev. Samuel Snelling and Regis H. Post; Secretary, F. V. Fuller; Treasurer, E. A. Stackpole.

The resignations of Messrs. Piccott, Shurrock and Merges were accepted. Messrs. Stackpole and Smith were transferred from the list of associate members to the active list. Messrs.

J. E. Congdon, C. A. Selden and E. W. Crosby were added to list of associate members.

The meeting was called to order at 8.20 and the records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Jenney, Frank Congdon, Post, Blodgett, Sawcett, Smith, Wallis, Praeger, Webster, Hill and Fuller. Messrs. Wyer, Brayton, Preston and Tousey were the guests of the evening.



President Congdon introduced Mr. Post as the speaker of the evening, whose subject was: "The Independence Movement in Puerto Rico."

Mr. Post, speaking out of his intimate knowledge and experience as governor-general of Puerto Rico, gave a most vivid and absorbing account of this island of one and a half million people. Although we were generous to them in all other ways, the Puerto Ricans were not at once made citizens of the United States and there was a feeling of intense resentment against this inequality. In 1917, however, they were granted citizenship.

Free trade with the United States has enormously increased their industries and added greatly to the island's prosperity. Our constitution, he said, did not permit holding a subject state. Will Puerto Rico be held as a subject state or let loose?

Mr. Post's feeling is that the Puerto Ricans should be given full independence along with free trade with the United States. He considers them better fitted for self-government than the citizens of the Philippines. Probably not over ten per cent of them are illiterate.

Mr. Post's reasons, psychological and otherwise, for advocating independence were so convincing, from all points of view, that his listeners, by vote, unanimously agreed with him.

A free and easy discussion furnished more light and information about this little known island and, upon their departure, after the serving of refreshments, some of those present felt that they knew more about Puerto Rico than they did about some of our western states.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Forty seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening October 25, 1937 the Winter Club met at the home of Mr. Fawcett. In the absence of Pres. Congdon Vice-President Post presided. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Post expressed the sense of loss which Nantuxet and the Winter Club have experienced in the passing of Vice-President Snelling and on motion of Col. Praeger it was voted: That the Winter Club place on record its deep sense of loss in the passing of Messrs. Snelling and Kellogg and that the secretary extend the Club's sincere sympathy to Mrs. Samuel Snelling and Mrs. Herbert S. Kellogg. Mr. Post announced that an assessment of 50¢ per member would be collected by Treasurer Stackpole. Mr. Post introduced Mr. Fawcett whose subject was: "Thoughts from my experience in Nantuxet." Mr. Fawcett came to Nantuxet in 1898 and gave a vivid and humorous account of his landing and trip to Beonset and his appreciation of Nantuxet compared with other



places. The morale of the people he met impressed him and he feels that this has changed very much since that time. He witnessed the gradual increase of stage people in Seonset and said that fifty members of the Family Club came there during one summer. Mr. Lawcett said, a new psychology is now in evidence here and the present cost of living in Yantucket is too high compared with Cape Cod places. Efforts should be made to bring back some of the old conditions and characteristics. The town has lost its former independence and greatly needs a Board of Selectmen composed of younger and more progressive members.

The discussion was of much interest and marked individuality. Many suggestions were offered which might gradually improve the winter conditions and activities in Yantucket. It was quite generally agreed that to be wholly a summer resort



was somewhat demoralizing to some of our permanent residents, old and young.

The members present were: Messrs. Post, Blodgett, Lawcett, Starkpole, Sanguinetti, Smith, Wells, Praeger, Webster, Hille, Selden, Crosby, and Fuller.

Messrs. Gummings and Lyon were the club's guests. After the serving of refreshments the club adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

J. H. Fuller, Secy.



# Forty eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.

In Monday evening, November 8, 1937 the Club met at the home of Mrs. Grosby. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Those present were: President Congdon, Messrs. Post, Blodgett, Lawcett, Staefpole, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Congdon, Selden, Grosby and Fuller. The guests of the evening were Messrs. Gummings, Bean and Tourret. President Congdon stated that it was possible that Bassett Jones could give the club an illustrated talk on the World's Fair of 1939 on November 22 or perhaps on Saturday, November 20th. It was voted to leave the matter with the Secretary to notify the members as soon as definite word is received from Mr. Jones. Mr. Frank Congdon asked the cooperation of those present in suggesting, when an opportunity occurs, that the unemployment post cards, to be sent out from November 15 on, be promptly and fully filled out and mailed in order that the total number of unem-



played in Nanjing may <sup>be</sup> accurately obtained as soon as possible.

President Congdon introduced Mr. Selden whose topic was: "What has Christianity done for China?" Mr. Selden spent nine months on the ground studying missionary work in China, Japan and other places. He talked with some three hundred persons in Asiatic countries and said the results from mission work were meagre and not apparent when compared with the vast population of these countries. He paid high tribute to the character and aims of these lone workers although their years of effort show very small results as far as the spreading of Christianity is concerned. The missionaries claim converts of only one-third of one per cent of the Japanese but they have worked less than one hundred years in that country. In three hundred years Catholics and Protestants have converted three-quarters of one per cent of China's four hundred and four hundred millions.

Mr. Selden told many original anecdotes and incidents. He met Gaudin and many other



religious leaders of these countries. It was  
an evening of outstanding individuality  
and was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.  
Many questions were asked and clearly  
answered by the speaker. After refreshments  
the meeting broke up and <sup>adjourned at</sup> 10.30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



# Forty-ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 22, 1937, the Club met at the home of Frank S. Congdon. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Those present were: Messrs. C. S. Congdon, Post, Fuller, Blodgett, Stackpole, Sanguinetti, Smith, Webster, J. E. Congdon, and Seldon. The guests were Messrs. Joubert, Taylor and Bennett.

Voted: That the secretary of the Winter Club, through Mrs. Anderson, now in Nantucket, convey its greetings and felicitations to its founder and Hon. member, Prof. Louis F. Anderson.

Pres. Congdon was the speaker of the evening and he told us a great deal about his subject, William Rotch, the most outstanding ship owner of his day in Nantucket. He was born in October, 1734 and obtained his business training from his father. He was a Quaker and during his whole career lived up to their beliefs, but his activities were accompanied with pronounced



business sagacity. He was one of the first to ship oil to England. This was in 1758. Dr. Congdon read numerous extracts from "John Hancock - His Letters" bearing upon the whaling industry and Rotch's part in it. In 1772 he built a brick warehouse, now owned by the Pacific Club. He was the owner of the ~~Fort~~ *Fort* ~~North~~, *Beaver* and *Eleanor*, which, after unloading oil in England brought cargoes of tea to Boston which led up to the famous "Boston Tea Party." The speaker touched upon many of the leading incidents in William Rotch's career including the removal of the base of his operations to France in 1790. Two weeks before war was declared between France and England he went to England with his ships. In 1795, some time after his return from England he moved to New Bedford. He died there in 1828.

after the discussion and refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10-15.

J. J. Fuller, Secy.



## Fiftieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 13<sup>37</sup>, the Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon. Those present were: Messrs. C. E. Congdon, Lawcett, Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Turner, Mathur, Tice, Taylor, Tourt, Backus, Blount. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted subject to a slight change which has since been made. The following resolution, offered by Mr. Stackpole, was passed unanimously: That the Club place on record its deep sense of loss in the passing of Hollis Bennett, its former treasurer, and that the secretary extend to Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Anderson and William Bennett the Club's sincere sympathy for the bereavement through which they have passed. Pres. Congdon introduced Bassett Jones whose subject was: The New York World's Fair of 1839. Mr. Jones told of the origin of the idea and a large map showed details of the layout of its grounds and buildings at Flushing Meadows,



Long Island. It will open in May, 1939 and also be open during the summer of 1940. The grounds become a permanent part of the New York park system after the close of the fair and two of the many buildings erected will be permanently retained as built. The area to be occupied is double that of the Chicago Fair and three times that of the Paris Fair. Parking space for 35,000 cars will be provided. Mr. Jones from his intimate contact, as the electrical engineer of this great project which will cost more than 70 million dollars, gave a most vivid account of what has been accomplished to date and the plans for the future. Lantern slides added greatly to his descriptive talk. He concluded with an account of his visit to the Paris Fair and his lantern slides, in color, of this great exposition were most alluring. Mr. Jones auditors, at the end of his talk, expressed their vigorous appreciation and enjoyment of it. After some discussion and the serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

J. J. Fuller, Secy.



## Fifty - first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 27, the Club met at the home of Mrs. Smith. Those present were Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Hill, Selden, Frank Congdon, Smith and Dr. Stevens.

Bishop Tourist was a guest. In the absence of the <sup>secretary</sup> reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted and Alfred E. Smith was elected secretary pro tem.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Hill whose subject was "Architectural Idiosyncrasies". Mr. Hill's talk was most interesting and was illustrated and made clear by means of diagrams and sketches. This talk supplemented the ideas and suggestions advanced by Mr. Grosby at a previous meeting.

after the discussion and serving of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

Alfred E. Smith

Secy. pro tem



Fifty-second Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, January 10th, 1938, the Club met at the home of Mr. Blodgett.

Those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Blodgett, Jewett, Smith, Webster, Hill, Congdon, Selden and Fuller. Bishop Tourret and Supt. Taylor were guests.

Voted: That the articles in the Town Warrant for 1938 be considered and discussed at the next meeting of the Club on January 24th. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Blodgett whose subject was: "Is the younger generation to inherit another World War?" He touched in a broad way upon the various conditions and possibilities which might make for peace or war. Italy is more or less of a threat because of Mussolini's ambitions. Germany also offers threatening possibilities which may make for peace or war but economic conditions are serious in both of these countries. He mentioned various expedients which have been tried to



prevent war: League of Nations etc, which have not worked and said treaties agreeing not to enter into war do not get far and that disarmament by agreement has fallen down. He thought conditions made a world war improbable at the present time and that young men did not want war, in fact, general opposition <sup>to</sup> war is now vigorous. Can any nation swing a long war financially except perhaps the United States and Great Britain? Mr. Blodgett quoted Theodore Roosevelt's saying: "That the best way to keep peace was to be prepared for war." The discussion was, of usual, a series of individual suggestions and opinions which brought out all phases of the question under consideration.

after doing good work in the dining room the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Fifty-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, January 31, 1938, the Club met at the home of Mr. Webster. Those present were: Mrs. Congdon, Messrs. Fawcett, Smith, Sanguinetti, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Congdon and Fuller. Mr. Taylor was the Club's guest.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The <sup>secretary</sup> read a note from Mrs. Florence Bennett Anderson in which she expressed her appreciation to the Club for its resolution of sympathy on account of the passing of her brother, Henry Hollis Bennett. He also read a letter from Bishop Tourt in which he expressed his interest in and enjoyment of the club meetings which he had attended as the club's guest. These letters were by vote, placed on file.

The Town Warrant for 1938 was then taken up. Much of the discussion centered upon the question of road construction or improvement, particularly out of town roads like Shimmo Hills Road and Shimmo Road.



covered by articles 63 and 64. article 74, Cherry St. and article 69, upper Main St., were also touched upon. Comments were made upon No. 95 which would require the Welfare Agent to purchase food products from local producers.

Nos. 110 and 42, bearing upon the elimination of rats and equipping the town dump with turners, etc. were commented upon. The finances and management of the Sunset Water Co. were touched upon.

Mr. Congdon stated that a tax of <sup>\$</sup>25, yielding about \$300,000, would, after deducting all the regular and fixed items, listed in article 9, leave only \$50,000 for special projects and features.

After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



# Fifty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 14, 1938, the Club met, by invitation, at the office of Kenneth L. Taylor. Those present were Messrs. Kimball, Fawcett, Blodgett, Frank Congdon, Gill, Smith and Sanguinetti. Messrs. Taylor and Turner were the Club's guests. In the absence of Pres. Congdon and Secy. Fuller, Mr. Gill acted as Chairman and Mr. <sup>Kimball</sup> Gill was appointed Secy. pro tem. The record of the meeting which follows is made up from notes set down by him. Chairman Gill introduced Mr. Taylor as the speaker of the evening whose subject was: "Manipulation in the Stock Markets". By manipulation, rigging or washed sales is not meant, these being illegal. Rigging keeps outsiders from trading while washed sales are fictitious sales. Manipulation is merchandising of sales to create sales. During the summer of 1937 150 pools were in operation. Most changes ordered by the SEC are approved



by the conservative element of the Exchange. He outlined the set up of the Stock Exchange and gave a most interesting and detailed description of what happened when an order was placed. He told of the method of operating the Exchange and gave a history of sales over a fifteen day period showing the process of unloading 5000 shares in a controlled market. Mr. Taylor spoke from a broad and also from a technical point of view and numerous diagrams and tables helped emphasize the points which he made. This meeting was in a class by itself, compared with the 53 subjects which preceded it, and was of absorbing interest.

After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Fifty-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, February 28, 1938 the Club met at the home of Mr. Hill. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Blodgett, Stackpole, Smith, Hill and Fuller. Messrs. Taylor and Picpitt were the club's guests. The records of the meetings of January 31 and February 14 were read and approved. Pres. Congdon announced that it was Mr. Stackpole's evening and that his subject was: "Seventy-five years after". This was an account of the Civil War campaigns in Northern Virginia. The secretary quotes from the record of this meeting which was printed in the S. & M.

The speaker introduced a method of studying the Civil War in this section from the angles of bases of supplies, topography of the surrounding country, conduct of the commanding generals, and public re-action.

As Northern Virginia, the adjoining State of Maryland, and a portion of Pennsylvania was the scene of the principal operations in the east, the campaigns in this area were illustrated by maps which brought out the factors determining the military and strategic points.

The inability of the Federal generals to carry on an organized campaign during the first three years of the war was emphasized by a detailed account of the unfortunate Battle of Balls Bluffs, so disastrous to the Union arms, an engagement in which volunteers from Nantucket fought bravely against heavy odds.

An interesting discussion followed the talk, during which the various features of the war were brought out in further detail. Refreshments concluded the meeting, which adjourned a little after 10:00 o'clock.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Fifty-sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, March 15, 1938, the Club met at the home of Mr. Fuller.

Members present were Messrs. Blodgett, Stackpole, Smith, Walls, Webster, Kimball, Congdon and Fuller. Mr. Taylor was the club's guest. In the absence of Pres. Congdon, Mr. Blodgett acted as chairman of the meeting. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Blodgett introduced Mr. Kimball as the speaker, his subject being "Communism".

He defined Communism as a system of social organization in which all property is held in common, the primary object being to eliminate the economic inequality in the lot of human beings. Socialism differs in that it recognizes the right to private property insisting only on the common ownership of the means of the production of wealth. Mr. Kimball's paper was a carefully prepared study of Communism, past and present. He mentioned Brook Farm



and said that all of our experiments except the shaker movement which is only partially communistic have passed away. He took up the Russian experiment in some detail and gave a most interesting summary of their practice and results as arrived at from a stay of two weeks in Russia. This visit enabled him to answer in a vivid and satisfactory manner the many communisms which were thrown at him. This particular evening was distinctly different from others which we have enjoyed and enabled us to visualize Russian results. After refreshing the mind the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

F.V. Fuller, Secretary.



### Fifty-Seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, March 29, 1938, the Club met at the home of Dr. Walls. The members present were Messrs. Charles and Frank Congdon, Blodgett, Smith, Walls, Praeger, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Merges and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Snow, Jones, Tuttle, Bennett and Supt. Taylor. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted: That the offer made by Isaac Gill, 34 to exhibit moving pictures of the world war be accepted and that they be shown at our meeting of April 11th. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Taylor, Supt. of Schools, who talked to us on "Youth". He said in part: Young people have come into greater prominence during the last 25 years, perhaps due to the way our country has developed. In this age of machines there is no place for young workers. Will this situation continue in times of greater activity? Mr. Taylor thought it would. This creates a youth problem here. In dictator



countries youth is being used in the army. If youthful energy is misdirected youth goes to the bad. Democracy is a way of life and an ideal toward which we must move.

all around educated teachers should understand human nature and philosophy. Schools need books, plenty of space including an auditorium for lectures, a gymnasium and team work in games. Mr. Taylor concluded by stating that the youth problem is a result of the times and democratic ideal. Education is the way of approaching this ideal socially, politically, economically and vocationally.

Mr. Taylor spoke in a broad and general way and touched upon details as well.

The discussion was most interesting and brought out various phases of education, technical and otherwise. After a refreshing session in the dining room the meeting adjourned at 10.45.

J. P. Fuller, Secretary.



Fifty-eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.  
 On Monday evening, April 11, 1938, the Club met at the home of Mr. Smith. The members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Staef, Cole, Congdon, Smith, Walls, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Cochran, Conrad, Hill, Barnes, Bennett, Taylor, Mather and Harding Smith. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Voted: That the Winter Club sends its greetings and good wishes to Mr. Lawcett. Messrs. Walls and Fuller were appointed to deliver this friendly message to our esteemed associate. Pres. Congdon stated that the Club was indebted to Messrs. Hill and Bennett for providing the pictures of the World War, soon to be shown, and for agreeing to operate the machine. Mr. Hill said that the Club's thanks were really due to Mr. John W. Grout who loaned the reels to Yantusfat. Scores of moving pictures of the war occupied nearly an hour and a half. They were projected from



the official films released by the army and navy departments. They depicted the war from beginning to end and many incidents and activities related thereto like launching ships, manufacturing cannon, preparing vast quantities of food etc. were brought out in a most vivid way. A few dozen cartoons added a lighter touch, now and then, to the grim details of the battles and their results. At the close of the exhibit Pres. Congdon expressed the thanks of the Club to Messrs. Ellis and Bennett for making this most interesting meeting possible. After some personal experiences were related and a visit to the dining room, the meeting adjourned at 10.30.

F. J. Fuller, Secy.



Fifty-ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.  
 on Monday evening, April 25, 1938, the  
 Club met at the home of Col. Praeger.  
 Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs.  
 Frank Congdon, Smith, Wall, Hill, Praeger,  
 Selden and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Turner,  
 Cochran and Stewart. The records of the  
 previous meeting were read and approved. After  
 a little general talk Pres. Congdon called upon  
 Mr. Turner who told of his recent trip to  
 southern waters on the Acquitania. He was  
 gone 34 sunny days and was an open-eyed,  
 open-eared traveller as befits a newspaper  
 man of experience and his story was vivid  
 and interesting. Nassau was the steamer's  
 first stop then on to Colon, Venezuela,  
 Trinidad, Bahia and Rio. They took in Bar-  
 bados and Bermuda on their return trip.  
 Mr. Turner offered pertinent information about  
 the places at which he landed, their people  
 and products and all of his anecdotes  
 of the trip were pointedly told. His inform-



ation about the Panama Canal was most pertinent. His seven days in Rio were much enjoyed. He mentioned the thrill he got from talking with Nantuxket from a point 700 miles south of Bermuda. At the conclusion of his talk, Col. Stewart, Dr. Congdon and Mr. Hill added further items of interest about this part of the world. After refreshing the inner man with miniature fish balls and other viands the gathering broke up at 10.45.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



## Sixtieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, May 9, 1938, the Club accepted the hospitality of Col. Stewart and met at his home. The members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Blackpole, Smith, Walls, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, Selden, Merges and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Tyler, Cochran, Gardner, Stuart and Turner. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Crosby offered a few words showing why the steamboat question, to be discussed by him on May 23, was a pertinent and important matter at this time and the <sup>Club</sup> by a unanimous vote coincided with him. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Cochran who told us in a most alluring way about "Wintering in Mexico." <sup>"This journey"</sup> was made wholly by auto and he found that many reported facts about Mexico were not so. He found the people very polite and friendly. Three things which he did not like were the postal facilities and service, the telephone service



was not satisfactory and he did not like the water. at an educational gathering he met Pres. Cardenas whose hobby, he said, was education so that there has been a tenfold increase in results in this direction. Mr. Cochran found business and educational agricultural conditions bad. The archeology of Mexico interested him deeply and he mentioned many interesting and little known facts dating from 500 years B.C. downward. Col. Stewart spoke of the uncertain outcome and repudiation of business deals made in Mexico and of the appropriation which goes on there continuously, all without redress. Both Mr. Cochran and Col. Stewart answered many questions. The meeting was of outstanding interest and Mr. Cochran's listeners expressed their appreciation to him at the conclusion of his talk. after refreshing the inner man the gathering came to an end at 10-50.

F.V. Fuller Secy.



## Sixty-first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Thursday evening, June 16, 1938, the postponed meeting of the Club was held at the home of Mr. Crosby. The members present were:

Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Jenney, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Bill, Kimball, Crosby, Congdon, Selden, Manges and Fuller. Nineteen guests were present.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The president announced that Mr. Crosby was to discuss: "Future Steamboat Transportation to Nantuxet" and that Mr. Wall, Vice Pres. of the New Haven R. R. was present, by invitation from Mr. Crosby, to supply official ~~invitation~~ information.

Mr. Crosby in a prepared paper summed up the existing knowledge of the cost of operating the steamboat line and mentioned how important it was to arrive at the real facts in this matter. He had listed a series of some 25 questions to be asked Mr. Wall, based mainly upon the tabular statement of the boat costs which was printed in the B. M.



of June 11th. Mr. Wall answered in a most  
 candid and complete way all these  
 questions and many others propounded  
 by those present. To his replies offered a  
 complete understanding of the serious  
 situation which confronts the New Haven  
 Road and N. B. M. R. & Nantuxet Steamboat Line.  
 He alluded to the strikes which took place in  
 April and June, 1937, and which added  
 \$2,000 a week to the boat line's payroll.  
 The boat line must, at least, be on a self-  
 sustaining basis to be kept in operation.  
 Matters are almost hopeless because of con-  
 ditions in Washington and the demands  
 of labor. The outstanding bonds of the boat  
 line which have been shouldered by the  
 N. H. Rd. amount to \$4,800,000. The plan  
 to use one boat only during the winter  
 is now being studied. The Fall River Line  
 was given up on account of strikes and one  
 on this line would lead to its abandonment.  
 Mr. Wall expected a poor summer. The increase



made in freight rates applied to all roads and lines in the country and, he said, no place objected to them except Yantusket. By a standing vote the club thanked Mr. Wall and expressed its appreciation of his presence at its meeting. It was also voted that the election of officers and other annual matters be postponed until the first meeting in October. After remarks, the meeting having considered from all points of view the possible impending interruption to Yantusket's transportation system, the meeting adjourned at 10:50.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Sixty-second Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening October 11, 1938 the Club, due to the numerous guests who had been invited to attend, met in the vestry of the Unitarian Church. Pres. Congdon was the host for the evening. The members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Wallis, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Stevens, Crosby, Congdon, Selden, Menger and Fuller. Fourteen guests were present. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Voted: That the election of officers and action upon other annual matters be postponed until December. Pres. Congdon introduced our fellow member, Dr. Stevens, who told us of "Aed Willemansburg". His account of this remarkable accomplishment in restoration was most interesting and vivid and the exhibit of his original drawings from which the cuts in his book were made was additional aid in emphasizing his statements.



He stated there was a striking contrast between the Yorktown and Williamsburg of today and thirty years ago. They were then sordid, unattractive and depressing places.

Dr. Goodwin's original suggestion that Williamsburg be restored was weighed for two years by Mr. Rockefeller, before he began his work in 1928. Nearly 20,000,000 has been spent and the work is still going on. Time and money have not been considered or spared in restoring and replacing all the houses and contents thereof which were chosen for such treatment.

In some cases they had only a remaining 10% to work on. Not a flower will be found in the garden of the Governor's Palace that did not originally grow there. In traveling about Williamsburg you are wading through ancient history. Williamsburg is really a museum and its inhabitants resent the annual procession of some 80,000 persons who visit it.



Dr. Stevens said restored Williams-  
 burg has influenced people to appreciate  
 and retain the spirit of beauty of an-  
 other age. Various questions were  
 answered by the speaker which added  
 to our knowledge of this undertaking.  
 Shortly after 9 o'clock the meeting ad-  
 journed to Pres. Congdon's where re-  
 freshments were served. The meeting  
 adjourned at 9.45 after a session of  
 outstanding interest

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



### Sixty-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 14, 1938 the Club met at the home of Frank E. Congdon. The members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Webster, Gell, Kimball, Grosby, F. E. Congdon, Selden, Fuller. Guests present were Dr. Breitlue, Frederic L. Smith, H. B. Turner, George S. Grimes, Kenneth L. Taylor, Lawrence B. Cummings. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The speaker of the evening, Frederic L. Smith, after being introduced by President Congdon, gave a most interesting and vivid account of his two long distance fishing expeditions to New Zealand.

Some of the features and significant items pertaining to these trips were made plain by many photographic enlargements and other exhibits.

The journey to and from New Zealand added up to something over 6300 miles with stops at Honolulu and the Fiji Islands.

New Zealand has a population of more than one and a half million and its people are of simple habits and most hospitable. Two islands comprise its territory and in area they are equal to New England combined with Indiana.

Mr. Smith described the physical features of the islands and stated that

90 percent. of its exports were dairy products and frozen cattle.

The story of his experiences in landing trout and swordfish was graphically told and was of keen interest to lovers of fishing who were present. It made their mouths water.

Specimens of Maori handicraft were passed around and Mr. Smith stated that these people possessed an artistic sense and even carved designs upon their fence posts and hammer handles. They are the best boatmen in the world and are a rather extraordinary race.

Frequent questions brought out many other little-known facts about this attractive and remote land.



after refreshing the inner man at our  
host's hospitable board the meeting  
adjourned at 10-30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



### Sixty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

In Monday evening, November 28, 1938 the Club met at the home of Alfred S. Smith. The members present were Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Webster, I. S. Congdon, Selden, Manges & Fuller. Guests attending were Messrs. Tyler, Turner, Conrad, F. L. Smith, Brethunt and Harding Smith. In the absence of President Congdon Secretary Fuller presided. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Mr. F. Van Wyck Mason was introduced as the author of "Three Harbours" and told us about "The Research back of an Historical Novel". Mr. Mason gave many interesting details and anecdotes in regard to the patient research which is called for in writing an historical novel. Much of it was done in the library of Harvard College of which he is a graduate. This study of facts consumed about a year while the actual writing of his 700 page book took seven months and he made use of a million words while it was being written and rewritten. When completed it contained



about a quarter of a million words. Customs, habits, clothing and all small items in an historical novel must be correct or you are called down. Mr. Mason's book has to do with the American revolution and he stated that the siege of Boston was the turning point in this war. The many pertinent questions put up to Mr. Mason brought new points and features to the front. It was an evening of much interest and profit and the speaker was heartily thanked for favoring the club with a talk which was unique. The secretary noticed that in a recent list of "Best Sellers" published by the Boston Transcript "Three Barabours" is set down as No. 3 in the 11 books listed. After some most acceptable eats and drinks the meeting adjourned at 10-30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



*Sixty-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.*

**Winter Club Holds "Newspaper  
Dec. 12 Men's Night." 1938**

What was intended to be a "Newspaper Quartet" at the Winter Club's first December meeting developed into a trio Monday evening last, when Fred V. Fuller, secretary of the Club, and the member with the earliest newspaper experience was unable to be on hand due to a cold. The meeting was held at the residence of Edouard A. Stackpole, on Gardner street.

The first member of the "trio" to speak was Charles A. Selden, distinguished journalist and former chief London correspondent for the New York Times. In telling of his extensive experience in the newspaper field, Mr. Selden took his listeners with him from his days when "carrying papers" for "Rolly" Hussey and *The Inquirer and Mirror*, to Brown University, as an undergraduate, to the Providence *Journal*, the New York *Post*—and on, until he climbed the ladder of practical letters to become world-famous as the holder of the most coveted foreign correspondent's post in the world of newspaperdom.

In recounting his experiences, Mr. Selden gave intimate glimpses of great men of the times. William Jennings Bryan, Theodore Roosevelt, Col. House, Norman Davis, Andrew Mellon, and other historic Americans, as well as Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain, and his successors, Stanley Baldwin and present Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain—all entered the picture during the making of history.

All too meagre were the glimpses given of Paris during the war; the historic Versailles Treaty conference; England and "sanctions;" India and Ghandi.

Aside from the many anecdotes related, Mr. Selden's personal "stories" occupied increased attention, with Dr. Charles E. Congdon always ready to request another tale from the speaker.

It was altogether a delightful peek behind a curtain but lately rung down—allowing intimate scanning of historic figures who are yet playing their respective roles upon the great stage of the world.

The second member of the trio was Harry B. Turner, editor of *The Inquirer and Mirror*, who took up the thread of early apprenticeship under "Rolly" Hussey and carried it along through the island scene of forty-eight years. The early days of the "print shop" on Milk street; the advent of the same cylinder press which still turns out "The Mirror," and the moving into the present quarters formed the preliminary background to his remarks.

Editor Turner then gave a graphic description of the first ship-to-shore wireless message, from the Cunarder *Lucania* to the Herald-Marconi station in 'Sconset, which included a period of being marooned on South Shoals lightship for a long week by a gale which forced the *Azalea* to put away for port.

One of the amusing stories recounted had to do with the "legacy" of patent medicines turned over to him upon taking up the editor's guiding reins. Many of the remedies supplied were in lieu of bills for advertising, and even to this day a proof-press labeled "Miles Nervine" is on hand to remind one of the early days of this tury.

One of the mysteries of war-days—the stranding of the freighter *Ruby* on the south side of the island was also recounted by Editor Turner. Al-

most on the same day, the little Cross Rip lightship was carried out to sea by an ice field and neither the ship nor any trace of her crew of six was ever seen again. A wireless message from the *Ruby* to the *Azalea* might have saved the lightship—and, here again, another unexplainable bit of history was brought forth.

The concluding speaker—Edouard Stackpole—made a few brief remarks concerning the "mechanical end" of the modern weekly newspaper, principally concerning the Linotype machine of Ottmar Mergenthaler, which revolutionized the printing industry. *Dec. 17, 38*

The 1939 Nantucket Calendars are



# Sixty-sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, January 30th, 1939 the Club met at home of Mr. Fuller. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Staekpole, Smith, Congdon, Webster, Kimball, Selden and Fuller.

Guests attending were Messrs. Treasey, Britthut, Turner and Mather. The records of the meeting of November 28, 1938 were read and approved and by vote the secretary's minutes of this and other meetings were commended.

The president introduced Dr. Britthut whose subject was "Forty years of American Chemistry". After an expert in a particular line, chemistry or otherwise, confines himself almost wholly to some special industry or field, but this was not so with Dr. Britthut.

Right off we saw the diversity of his forty years. He gave a resume of his career as a professor in the College of the City of New York, his work in the laboratory and various outside tasks including instructing the chefs in prominent New York hotels. He told of



his interesting work, was experienced as chief of staff under Major General Siefert. In 1919 he got through with the government and went back to teaching, but in 1923 he was called upon to undertake a new mission by Herbert Hoover then Secretary of Commerce. He was to proceed to Europe to learn of its competitive methods in the coal tar and two other industries. He obtained French methods from the Germans and German methods from the French. He visited Poland and other countries.

Later, important assignments came to him so that he served only a few final years in his professorship before he retired.

The usual interesting discussion followed this vivid account of Dr. Brethout's varied and practical work in the field of chemistry. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10:45.

J. V. Juller, Secy.



*Sixty-seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.*

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The Winter Club held its February meeting at the home of Fred H. Webster, Stone Alley, on the evening of Monday, February 13, with the following present: Fred H. Webster, Frank E. Congdon, Charles A. Selden, Harry B. Turner, Charles B. Kimball, William F. Codd, Alfred E. Smith, Edouard Stackpole. President Charles E. Congdon was absent on a jaunt to the Carribean, and Secretary Fred Fuller was absent due to illness. For a few minutes, it was feared the speaker of the evening, Rev. S. W. Creasy, was going to be absent, also, but he appeared while fears were mounting.

Mr. Creasy gave an interesting talk on his experiences among the Navajo Indians of Arizona. As a preliminary, however, he requested that no report of his remarks be taken for the newspapers, stating that he was never quoted correctly by reporters. Evidently it was his experience that an Indian never forgets, while reporters do.

Mr. Creasy, a native of England, came to this country at the age of twenty, and shortly after entered an Episcopal theological school in Montana. Some time later he went to a church mission in Arizona, in the extensive Navajo reservation.

The speaker gave a detailed account of the Indian sod hut, or "hogan," explaining the tribal customs within the home, and characteristic habits. He also touched upon the nomadic existence of this type of Indian, and the naturally results of reservation life.

"The noble red man" was not so romantic as novelists would have us believe, according to Mr. Creasy's careful remarks. A number of incidents were related having to do with inherent Indian traits, all of which seemed to bear out the fact that the Indians of the east ~~was~~ *were* of a distinct difference from the western tribal examples.

Numerous questions were asked—and various members took part in the general discussion.

Host Webster had a plentiful supply of refreshments on hand, and, with the assistance of "all hands," the Club did full justice to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

..... E. A. S.—Reporter.



Sixty-eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Wednesday evening March 1, 1939 the Club met at the home of Mr. Smith. Members present were: Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Hill, Kimball, Congdon, Selden and Fuller. Guests present were Messrs. Mather, Ray, Turner and Tyler. In the absence of Pres. Congdon Mr.

Frank Congdon acted as chairman of the meeting. The records of the last two meetings were read and approved subject to a minor addition to the record of the meeting of February 13th which has since been made. Chairman Congdon called upon the speaker of the evening, Mr. Hill, whose subject was "Uruguay". Mr. Hill while in Uruguay compiled so much information about that country that when he finished his paper we all felt that we had individually dug deeply into its history. He touched upon its history before and after it became a Republic, the making up of its



democratic form of government and  
 said its area was about equal to  
 that of New England and its population  
 around two million. He alluded  
 to its climate with seasons just the  
 reverse of ours. He described the trees  
 and flowers and mentioned its fertile  
 soil. Its leading industry is stock  
 raising for meat, hides, wool and all  
 the accompanying by-products.  
 Some years ago a stock census showed  
 there were then more than 7,000,000  
 cattle, nearly 21,000,000 sheep and over  
 300,000 swine in the country. Mr. Hill  
 took us with him on an interesting  
 trip through Swift & Co's vast  
 plant and gave us many details  
 of their careful and sanitary methods.  
 This great business seemed to be  
 carried on with all the system of the  
 Ford automobile Co's factory. If anyone  
 did not feel, at the conclusion of Mr. Hill's



talk, that he had been fully informed about Uruguay it was because he failed to put his special conundrum up to the speaker for a solution. After the usual free and easy discussion and the serving of refreshments our South American meeting adjourned at 10.45.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Sixty-ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening March 13, 1939 the Club met at the home of Mr. Kimball. Members present were Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Gill, Webster, Kimball, Congdon and Fuller. Guests were Messrs. Turner and Taylor. In the absence of Pres. Congdon Mr. Frank Congdon was asked by the secretary to act as Chairman of the meeting. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Voted: That instead of holding its second meeting in the month on the fourth Monday that it be held on the Tuesday following the fourth Monday. The secretary called attention to a 100 page edition of the Union Bulletin of Walla Walla, <sup>received from Prof. Anderson</sup> and which was issued in celebration of the fact that the State of Washington was 50 years old this year. The secretary was asked to send the Club's thanks and greetings to Prof. Anderson.

Mr. Stackpole, the speaker of the evening, told about "Antirepet in the Pacific" in detail which showed much research into



Nantucket's whaling industry of 100 years and more ago. Specially made maps and sketches showing the many islands, discovered by the whaling captains, enabled us to definitely locate these important dots in the Pacific Ocean. None of their discoveries, when noting their locations in their log books, could even dream of the strategic importance of these islands under present conditions and that their casual records would be minutely inspected for first hand evidence by government officials. During 1820-30 Nantucket whalers went to every part of the Pacific. Mr. Stappole gave details of some of the outstanding mutinies mentioning the Globe mutiny in particular. He said that whalers were not mere voyagers carrying cargoes, but were real pioneers and discoverers. The question and answer period brought out additional items of interest bearing upon and proving that Nantucket in 1840 was the largest whaling port in the world, after



refreshments the meeting adjourned  
at 10.45.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



## Twentieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening March 28, 1939 the Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Walls, Webster, Gill, Congdon, Menges and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Turner, Cochran, Tyler, Mather, Coggins and Supt. Taylor.

The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Some discussion ensued as to how members who, on account of their continued absence from town, or for other reasons, have not attended our meetings, should be treated or listed. The feeling of the meeting was that this matter should be settled by the members at a business meeting.

This was Pres. Congdon's evening and he told us in a free and easy and step by step way about "a visit to the West Indies" from which he and Mrs. Congdon had recently returned. After a 4½ day run they landed at St. Thomas which he considered



very beautiful and mentioned its charming vistas. From St. Thomas they steamed on making in all 23 landings. Many anecdotes and incidents were related which had to do with more than a dozen of the islands and towns which they discovered as they journeyed on. at Ponce de Leon they were surprised to learn that there were no flies, mosquitos or bugs of any kind so that no screens <sup>had</sup> to be used. He alluded to the fact <sup>that</sup> George Washington visited Barbados in 17<sup>52</sup>, the only time he went beyond the confines of the U. S. W. Congdon mentioned the extreme politeness of the natives and gave illustrative incidents of it. Pres. Congdon's talk gave us a vivid picture of a most interesting and colorful group of islands.

After refreshing the inner man with bites and sips the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Wednesday evening April 12, 1939 the Club met at the home of Dr. Walls. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Walls, Graeger, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Congdon and Jeller. The guests were: Messrs. Mather, Cochran, Tyler, Coggins and Supt. Taylor. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Stackpole reported that the cash on hand after deducting the club's printing bill was 25 cts.

Pres. Congdon introduced Dr. Cochran whose subject was: "A Winter in France." Much of Dr. Cochran's interesting talk about France and his comments upon its people had more of a background than one winter in Barbizon would have given him for he was pastor of the American Church in Paris for more than a dozen years. Dr. Cochran said the contrast between conditions or temper in England and Paris was marked. Business was bad in France. France was for a long time anti-American because the United States



wanted its loan paid. France is always  
 rent by <sup>its</sup> political discords. It takes a war  
 to unite political parties. Great Britain per-  
 haps feels she is relying upon a broken  
 reed. Americans are now treated wonder-  
 fully and the French feel that Roosevelt's  
 attitude has postponed war. Mr. Cochran re-  
 lated many anecdotes and incidents  
 representing the fundamental character-  
 istics of the French. Asked if the French  
 people were pleasant to live with he  
 said they were like children and  
 liked to be flattered, are rather sus-  
 picious of foreigners <sup>and</sup> you can't count  
 upon their sincerity. They have charm-  
 ing manners, but their politeness seems  
 skin deep. They are fatalistic, expect war  
 and are calm over it. They are, in fact,  
 used to crises. Mr. Cochran's talk and  
 observations were timely and greatly ap-  
 preciated in these days of stress and  
 uncertainty with France in the head lines



day after day. after partaking of hot dogs  
and other refreshments the meeting adjourned  
at 10-30.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-second Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, April 25, 1939, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Frank Congdon. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Walls, Praeger, Hise, Kimball, Congdon and Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Taylor, Mather, Cochran and Supt. Taylor. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Some discussion ensued as to whether or not the Club would sponsor a bed in the Yantucket Cottage Hospital for some deserving family for one year at a cost of \$15. Voted: That members, associate members and regular guests be assessed \$1 each for this purpose by the treasurer. Treasurer Stackpole read a hilarious financial report from which we extracted the serious facts that the Club's only bill for the year was \$6.75 covering post cards and printing and that the balance remaining in his hands was 25¢.

Pres. Congdon called on Col. Praeger whose subject was "a quick trip" - and a short talk on



Holland". He went to Holland to fulfill a yearning. He gave such a glowing account of the accommodations and treatment on the Holland American Line that most of us wished we could jump <sup>right</sup> on to one of these boats. His report on the hotels in Holland was also appalling as to service, rates and the throw in breakfasts that we felt like repeating his experience. He mentioned a dozen places that he visited and said you could travel around for 200 miles in a special car for \$12. Bicycles greatly outnumber cars and there are four million wheels in Holland. Col. Praeger said Holland had a population of eight million and spends 62 1/2 millions on education which is carefully systematized. Some 10% of its people are unemployed. Its climate is much like that of Nantucket. His informal account of his trip and stay was most interesting and in the question and answer period which followed his talk all the conundrums fired at him were answered



by Col. Praeger in a manner which added to our enlightenment. Numerous scenic picture cards were passed around. One showed the former Kaiser Wilhelm's residence in Woom and his beautiful rose gardens. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.40.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Twenty-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening May 8, 1939, the Club met at the home of Mr. Crosby. Members present were Messrs. Congdon, Stackpole, Smith, Walls, Sanguinetti, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Stevens, Crosby and Fuller. The guests were; Messrs. Cochran, Tyler, Gardner, Conrad, Breitlunt, Carlisle and Supt. Taylor.

The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The matter of holding a special summer meeting was discussed and it was Voted: That the Club's fifth anniversary be celebrated at a dinner to be held on the day of its first meeting in October. The speaker of the evening, Mr. Conrad, was introduced by Pres. Congdon his subject being "A Trip around the World".

Mr. Conrad took us with him on his trip from its start at New York on December 30th to its completion at New York on April 13th. To make this journey with him, in the allotted time, his audience had to travel almost breathlessly 10,000 miles



an hour. The slight difference in cost between a sojourn in Honolulu and a trip around the world was the deciding factor which led to this journey being undertaken. Mr. Conrad said both the Panama Canal and Honolulu were well guarded and protected and that Honolulu, which he found charming, could be strongly defended. The passage to Japan was tedious. The Japanese government does not like us. Its imports are wholly for war purposes and its people are undernourished. He gave us a vivid running account of his trip accompanied by many anecdotes and interesting comments which had to do with dozens of places including Yokohama, Hong Kong, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Egypt, Naples and London. In due course, after some urging, the gathering broke away from its engaging speaker and went on a travel trip of its own to the dining room where it was greatly



set up by the refreshments which were  
on tap without limit. At 11 P.M. the  
meeting adjourned.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.

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Seventy-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday, May 23, 1939 the club met at the home of Mr. Cochran. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Stevens, Crosby and Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Stewart, Taylor, Mather, Cochran, Gardner, Turner, Supt. Taylor, Breithut and Russell. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved, a short discussion ensued as to the election of officers etc. and it was voted: That the election of officers and other annual matters due to be acted upon this evening, under the by-laws, be postponed and take place at a special meeting to be called by order of the president. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Kimball as the speaker of the evening his subject being "Horse Voyages to America". The five preceding meetings had to do with trips and voyages which were taken during the past winter, but Mr. Kimball took up



back a thousand years, more or less, and gave us many surmises and numerous unrelated facts which he had dug out about many of the Norsemen's voyages to unknown destinations. Although Mr. Kimball is the owner of a library of 3500 volumes he was unable to confirm the somewhat prevalent belief that Nantuxet was discovered in the year 1000 plus or minus by a <sup>9</sup>Norwegian sailor. The speaker alluded to the Norse vessels of the ninth century and the details of their construction as shown by those which were returned from a depth of 100 ft. These sailors had no compasses, but guided their boats by the pole star and sun. Mr. Kimball's talk showed much study and research and gave us an evening which stood out as unique in comparison with other meetings. After this interesting question and answer period refreshments of modern days were partaken of and meeting adjourned at 12:30.

J. V. Fuller Secy.



### Special Business Meeting.

A special meeting of the available members of the Winter Club was called by Pres. Congdon on Monday, June 12-1939 and was held at his house at 5 P.M. Due to the loss of four members by death and the continued absence from the island of several others, the active and associate membership lists were revised and now stand as follows: Members - Messrs. C. E. Congdon, Fuller, Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, F. E. Congdon, Selden and Menger.

Associate Members - Messrs. Wall, Sanguinetti, Stevens, Stewart, R. L. Taylor, Mather, Cochran, Tyler, Turner, Supt. Taylor and Breithuit.

Messrs. Post, Blodgett and Strong were placed upon the Retired Active List.

Voted: That the election of officers for the season of 1939-40 be postponed until the first club meeting in October.

Voted: That the Club's fifth anniversary be celebrated at a dinner to be held in July



with Prof. Anderson as its special guest and speaker. The president, secretary and treasurer were appointed as a special committee in charge of this event.

Voted: That the Club place on record its sense of loss at the passing of George Jauett and that the sympathy extend to Mrs. Jauett and Mrs. Wilson the Club's sincere sympathy for the bereavement which they have suffered. Voted: To adjourn

adjourned at 5-30 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



## Twenty-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, October 9, 1939 the club met at the home of Col. Praeger. Members present were Dr. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, Congdon, Merges, Sangiunetti, Wall, H. L. Taylor, Turner, Brithut, C. J. Taylor, Goodgott, Strong, Fuller. The guests included Messrs. Cummings, F. L. Smith, Backus, Varney, Welch, Baldwin, Satter, Walsh and Elder.

The records of the two previous meetings were read and approved. The secretary read a letter from Mrs. George Lawcett expressing her thanks for the floral offering and the Club's sympathy extended to her at the time of Mr. Lawcett's death. The secretary also read a note from Mr. Tyler expressing his enjoyment of the club's meetings which he had attended and his regret that he could not be with us in the future. By vote these letters were added to the records of the meeting.

Voted: That the annual election of officers



take place at the club's first meeting in January. Pres. Congdon introduced the speaker of the evening, Austin Strong, whose subject was: "A glimpse into a Playwright's Workshop". Mr. Strong gave us in <sup>his</sup> vivid way the fundamental and basic ideas to be observed in playwriting with so many alluring and practical hints that he may, as the result of his heart-to-heart talk, find he has set in motion a group of future competitors with whom he will have to run a race. He gave many illustrative anecdotes and snappy interviews with famous writers including Shaw who said: "Only I can write a great play". His interview with Barrie in London who produced his first play, which he wrote at 21, was told in such a realistic way that it convulsed his listeners. In this country Belasco greatly helped him. Pantomime properly done is really magical and puts ideas over in



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J.V. Jester, Secy.

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after refreshing the inner man with delicious eats and drinks the gathering adjourned at 10:45.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



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# Seventy-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening October 23, 1939, the club met at the home of Mr. Crosby. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Payer, Webster, Bill, Kimball, Crosby, Menger, Sanguinetti, Walls, R. L. Taylor, Mathur, Colman, Turner, E. J. Taylor, Brethout, Clodgett and Fuller. Guests were: Messrs. Cummings, Backus, Grimes, Baldwin and Barney. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. Pres. Congdon introduced Yantuski's representative to the Massachusetts Legislature, Robert S. Backus, who spoke to us about "Legislative Problems". Mr. Backus gave us a fun and easy and practical talk about the work of the "Great and General Court" and said some 3000 bills were introduced during the last session and 400 enacted. Many queer and funky bills were thrown at the legislature, one was offered to make Boston Common into a three deck parking place. The big issue of the session was the budget while the



condition and disposition of the Old Colony R. R. was a large and serious undertaking. The discussion which followed Mr. Backus' opening and general remarks was long continued and at times, judging from the questions and answers, it was hard to decide whether a miniature legislature or a town meeting was in session. All possible suggestions and combinations bearing upon the R. R. and boat line were discussed, considered and weighed. The matter of additional dredging for the harbor was gone into at some length. Much concern was expressed as to the outcome of our boat situation from January 1st. on. The speaker felt that a sales tax would become a certainty in the near future. Mr. Backus easily proved to his listeners that the work of a conscientious legislator is by no means a soft job or anything like a pleasant walk on a summer day after



a visit to the dining room, where <sup>we</sup> were  
coaxed to almost over-indulge, the meeting  
adjourned at 10-30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



Seventy seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.  
 on Monday evening, November 13, 1939, the  
 club met at the residence of Dr. Waller.  
 Members present were: President Congdon,  
 Messrs. Smiths, Praeger, Webster, Eide, Grooby,  
 Congdon, Waller, R. L. Taylor, Cochran, C. J.  
 Taylor, Fuller. Guests were Messrs. Cummings,  
 Smith, Packus and Grimes. The records  
 of the previous meeting were read and  
 approved. Frank E. Congdon told of  
 the good work being done in connect-  
 ion with the bed in the hospital  
 sponsored by the club for one year.  
 President Congdon introduced for-  
 mer P. Cummings who spoke from  
 intimate knowledge and experience  
 of "Some aspects of the Labor Problem".  
 In this discussion the club entered  
 an entirely new field under, however,  
 the guidance of an expert. Mr. Cum-  
 mings gave an account of his experience  
 with strikes in the building-service industry



in New York City during the past five years when he was successively President of the Real Estate Board of New York, Chairman of the Realty Advisory Board on Labor Relations, and State Mortgage Commissioner, appointed by Governor Lehman.

He stated that the elevators, the "vertical transportation" of Manhattan carry more persons per mile than do the railroads entering the city, the subways, buses and taxicabs combined. There are 80,000 persons employed in operating and maintaining the buildings of Manhattan, yet a minority union, in turn dominated by a small group, has repeatedly threatened this vital artery of the life of the city and has often seriously strangled it. Mr. Cumming alluded to the violence that characterized some of the strikes, especially in 1935.

The fight has entered on the "closed shop" issue which has been defeated three times in the past five years. The most decisive



action was taken this summer, when through the intervention of a Board of arbitration a new "open shop" contract was signed to run for three years.

Mr. Cummings said that the organization of labor under sound leadership was desirable within certain limits under the changed conditions of today, but he expressed the hope that some day we should have in this country legislation, similar to that in England, compelling the legal incorporation of labor unions, publication of their financial condition, enforcement of contracts undertaken by them, and prohibition of strikes affecting public welfare. The discussion which followed the speaker's statements was most interesting and continued until 10:30. After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J. H. Fuller, Secy.



Twenty-eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 27, 1939 the club met at the residence of Dr. Menges.

Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stapf-pole, Smith, Gill, Crosby, J. E. Congdon, Menges, Mather, Cochran, Turner, Fuller, The guests were Messrs. Kelley, Cummings, Guines, Bennett, Wescott and Gills. In order that members might have ample time to attend the exhibition of fireworks notice had been given to those who could be reached that the meeting would not begin until 8-30. The records of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Crosby, unanimously adopted and a copy of it had been sent to Mr. Bassett Jones by the secretary: "The Winter Club, now in session, immediately following the truly superb exhibition of fireworks which you provided for all of our island people this evening, wishes to join in what must be a universal expression of appreciation.



We enjoyed it immensely, but we wish especially to comment upon your fine spirit of thoughtfulness for others and your translation of such thoughts into acts". Pres. Congdon called upon Capt. J. Nathan Kelly who spoke upon "Oceanography and its Application". To most of us the study of the ocean, its life and contents, being carried on under the income from the Rockefeller endowment, was an unknown factor and its full and complete description by the man on the job was an entirely new revelation. It was a unique meeting for while we have previously made excursions with our speakers over land and sea we have never before dipped below the surface. Capt. Kelly talked with absorbing interest and his full and complete answers to the many questions which were thrown at him for an hour showed how much at home he was in his field of work.



The Atlantis and its experts have solved and are studying sea problems in the fields of physics, chemistry, bacteriology, biology, geology etc. They have been working on the Gulf Stream since 1931. Capt. Kelley said the bottom of the sea had changed very little since the world began and that the biology of the ocean was fascinating. He mentioned the 25 years of hard work which had been put into the study of eels which begin in Bermuda and end there. Capt. Kelley's talk was listened to with almost rapt attention and Pres. Congdon expressed the club's gratitude to him for appearing before us. After partaking of refreshments the club adjourned at 4 o'clock.

J. V. Fuller, Secy,



### Seventy ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 11, 1929 the club met at residence of Dr. Congdon.

Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Gill, Kimball, J. E. Congdon, Bachman, Turner, Taylor, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Smith, Barford, Grimes. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was voted: That the next meeting be held on Wednesday evening, December 27th.

Pres. Congdon called upon Frederick L. Smith who told us about "The Beginnings of the automobile." Mr. Smith gave a most interesting and intimate account of the early days of the automobile, its manufacture and marketing in which he was a real factor. At the beginning of his talk he exhibited a photograph of an Old <sup>mobile</sup> car taken in 1901 which was the pioneer car to be developed and which sold for \$250. Cars were in use in



Europe while we were experimenting. No one man invented the auto, it just grew. Henry Ford got going in 1908. Millionaire men and money controlled the auto industry from the start. The open car was the only one seen until after 1909. He compared the cars of the first ten years with today's cars with all their improvements.

Mr. Smith touched in a frank way upon the personal characteristics of a group of persons whom we knew, and who were important and outstanding in the early days of the automobile. He showed his familiarity with the growth and history of this great industry and his auditors knew from the beginning that they were listening to an expert. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

J. J. Jones, Secy,



# Eightieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Wednesday evening, December 27, 1939, the club met at the residence of Frank Congdon. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill, J. E. Congdon, Menges, Mather, Cochran, Jeller. The guests were Messrs. J. L. Smith and Capt. Kelley.

Edward Stackpole was introduced by Pres. Congdon and the subject of his talk was "Escape from Libby Prison." The secretary's record of this meeting was so incomplete compared with the concise account of it which appeared in the *Inquirer & Mirror* that the *Mirror* account is being used and is as follows:

was "An Escape From Libby." The speaker, Edward A. Stackpole, recounted the astonishing adventure of Col. Thomas Rose and his associates who conceived and executed an escape from the famous Libby Prison in the city of Richmond, during the Civil War.

By subjecting themselves to terrible hardships, physically and mentally, Rose and fourteen Union officers, dug a tunnel fifty-six feet long, working mostly by night for more than a



month, by which 109 of the 1200 prisoners in Libby managed to escape. It was the most spectacular escape of the war, overshadowing that of the famous Confederate raider General Morgan.

Of the 109 who got away, 59 were ultimately re-captured, many of them within sight of the Union pickets. Two men drowned in attempting to swim rivers, and 48 finally reached the safety of the Federal lines.

For a week after the wholesale escape the Confederate jailors were mystified as to the method used by the Union officers. Finally, the outer end of the tunnel was stumbled upon, a terrified negro driven into it at the point of a bayonet and forced to crawl along it until he came to the cellar (known as "Rat-Hell") where the escape had originated.

An interesting discussion followed concerning prisons in the south and the north, the activities of the Nantucket men who took part in the war, tactics of famous leaders, principally General Grant, and various other related subjects.

Refreshments were served by Host Congdon, following which several lingered to discuss matters further, the assembly dispersing shortly before eleven o'clock.

*J. J. Miller, Secy.*



### Eighty-first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening January 8, 1940, the club met at the residence of Alfred Smith.

Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Alfred Smith, Messrs. Webster, Gill, J. E. Congdon, Cochran, Turner, C. G. Taylor, and Fuller. The guest was J. J. Smith. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Pres. Congdon stated that by a vote passed at the first meeting in October, 1939 the election of officers would take place at the present meeting and after some discussion it was Voted: That the first meeting in January be hereafter considered the annual meeting for the election of officers.

The election of officers for the coming year was then taken up. C. E. Congdon, J. V. Fuller and E. W. Stockpole were nominated for Pres., Secy. and Treas. and the secretary was directed to cast one ballot for them, which he did and they were declared elected. J. E. Congdon and Col. L. J. Praeger were nominated for Vice Presidents.



and were also elected by the secretary who, by vote, cast one ballot for them.

Pres. Congdon called upon Mr. Cochran who, as the speaker of the evening, told us about "Wintering in Portugal". A sizable map, which he had made, helped us to follow him as in the latter part of 1934 he travelled through and tarried in Portugal - a country rarely visited by Americans. Portugal is about the size of Maine with a population of six or seven million. It is estimated that 35 out of a 100 people cannot read or write.

Mr. Cochran touched in a most interesting way upon incidents in Portugal's amazing history for 1500 years. It was a world power in 1560. There were ceaseless insurrections for 300 years until England took hold of the country. He told of his interesting visits to a vast factory where port wine was produced and to a monastery, in which 999 monks resided, where a little river ran through the kitchen. He is stories and



legends were vividly told and added a personal touch to our absorbing journey with him. Estoril was his headquarters for most of the winter of 1934-35. This place was built for a winter resort and daily bathing can be indulged in. Many English people were there. W. V. Cochran paid tribute to the Portuguese character, said they were very interesting people of quality and flavor and the pleasantest people in all Europe. Their scale of living is pitifully low. He alluded to the natural charm of the country - mountains and sea and called Portugal a land of sunshine and outstanding beauty. After partaking of refreshments the club members dispersed at 10:30 P.M.

M. J. Fuller, Secy.



The eighty-second Meeting of the Reading Club.

On Tuesday evening, February 23, 1940, the club met at the residence of Mrs. Fuller. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Webster, Bill, Kimball, Congdon, Minges, Mather, Cochran, B. G. Taylor and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Smith and Grimes. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Treas. Stackpole made a brief report stating that he had \$4 in the treasury with one bill to pay. Upon request from the president the matter of holding the next meeting ahead of the usual time in order that the items in the town warrant might be discussed was considered and it was Voted: That the next meeting be held on Thursday evening, February 1, and that the articles in the warrant and the items in the proposed budget be discussed and it was also voted that the members of the Finance Committee be invited to attend this meeting.



The president called upon Mr. Taylor, whose subject was: "Home - School - good habits". Mr. Taylor said he spoke with some feeling of trepidation as so much had been written and said about the school's responsibility in establishing the habits of children. This matter is the most important thing facing our nation today and lay magazines and newspapers are now discussing it. Training for citizenship is most important and the school should be responsible for the formation of good habits. From birth to school age is a plastic period, but the environment outside of school cannot be controlled. Habits are often established before the junior high school age. A teacher must be wise and understanding. Mr. Taylor gave four illustrations as to how and why little things in connection with the school building should be controlled like racing up stairs, hanging coat closets, shouting and the frantic waving of hands.



Habits spring from action not theory. The purpose of the school is to so develop the children that they become cooperative members of society. We considered that a school auditorium would be a most important tool in helping to establish good habits. The life of today is of small help in this direction.

Mr. Taylor's observations and suggestions were broad and fundamental and were put before us in a pointed and practical way. The meeting was a most interesting one and the discussion which ensued broadened our view of the subject matter to a marked extent. After refreshments the meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



# Eighty-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Thursday evening, February 1, 1940 the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Webster. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Starkpole, Smith, Webster, Hill, Kimball, J.E. Congdon, Merges, Sanguinetti, Mather, Goelman, C.J. Taylor, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Grimes and Carlisle. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Pres. Congdon stated that the articles in the Town Warrant were before the meeting and made running comments upon the first dozen items in the warrant. These explanations and details could only have been given by a member of the Finance Committee who was familiar with the entire entire warrant and its ramifications. Some discussion ensued as to the obligation to apply the income from the gasoline tax to the building and upkeep of roads. Mr. Webster made some interesting and convolving remarks which had to do



with the editor of The Madaket Free Press,  
 a municipal wharf etc. Facts and experiences  
 were related showing the need of a car for the  
 Police Department and the sentiment of those  
 present was in favor of supplying such a car.  
 Article 32 bearing upon outlying lands was  
 explained and amplified by Mr. Kimball and  
 Art. 34 which had to do with <sup>an</sup> appropriation  
 for destroying mosquitoes was discussed and  
 clarified. The consideration of the war  
 part ended with comments upon Art. 49  
 which proposed that the sum of \$800 be  
 appropriated for maintaining a School  
 Health Clinic and the sentiment of the  
 meeting seemed to favor this proposition.

although an unusually long session those  
 present seemed much interested in all the  
 facts and observations which were brought  
 out. After a short session of eating and  
 sipping the meeting adjourned at 11:15.

J. K. Fuller, Secy.



### Eighty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, February 27, 1940, the club's meeting was held at the Woodbox, Mr. Hill being the host. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Hill, Kimball, F. E. Congdon, Cochran, E. J. Taylor, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. F. L. Smith, Robert S. Packus and Dr. Barry Campbell. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The secretary read the account of the preliminary meeting, called by Prof. Anderson, and held at the Woodbox on October 31, 1934 and at which the Winter Club was organized.

Dr. Cochran read a letter from Mrs. Mildred Collins in which she mentioned the relief and other work which was being done by a small group of socially minded people. She cited two cases reported by Miss Farrell which could not be cared for by the various organizations of the town. The possibility of a special fund being raised to care for special needs and to be allotted by Miss Farrell and Mrs. Swenson was



discussed at some length and although  
~~and although~~ outside of the Winter Club's  
 line and functions it was Voted: That a  
 committee of three be appointed by the president  
 to take up this matter with the chairman of the  
 Selectmen and see if the Selectmen would co-  
 operate with the various relief agencies in  
 establishing a community organization, erect  
 or disbursing fund. Messrs. I. F. Smith, E. G.  
 Taylor and <sup>E. P. Kimball</sup> ~~F. E. Congdon~~ were appointed with full  
 power. after some consideration it was Voted:

That the Club sponsor a Blue Cross membership  
 as it did in 1939 and that this would be its <sup>public service</sup> limit in.

Pres. Congdon called upon Mr. Hill, the speak-  
 er of the evening, whose topic was: "Old  
 Nantucket Writings". Mr. Hill read extracts  
 from the "Records of the Social Reading Society"  
 mostly written in 1829. The women met at  
 7 P.M. the men arriving at 9 o'clock. The election  
 of Jackson was alluded to and many pertinent  
 comments were made upon the political  
 and other events of the times.



form.

Some of the articles were set down in diary. Pork and beans were exalted in a parody and other witticisms of the day were quaintly set forth. There was talk of dissolving the society but it was not done although a mournful poem of lamentation <sup>was</sup> written. Mr. Tice read many pertinent extracts from the log of this society. Under date of November 11, 1879 Grandmother Catherine <sup>Starbuck</sup> wrote a most witty and humorous letter after receiving a copy of Dick's Catalog and with the reading of this letter Mr. Tice closed his interesting and rather unique evening. Woodbox quality refreshments were enjoyed in due course and the gathering adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



Eighty-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club  
 On Tuesday evening, March 12, 1940, the club  
 held its meeting at the residence of Mr. Stack-  
 pole. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs.  
 Stackpole, Webster, Hill, Selden, Mather, Cochran,  
 Turner, E. G. Taylor, Inell, I. L. Smith, Backus, Piep-  
 er, Wm. Campbell. The records of the previous  
 meeting were read and accepted. The special  
 committee appointed at the last meeting to  
 study the matter of a unified relief organizat-  
 ion made a report of progress and asked the  
 club's feeling as to its continuance. It was  
 the sense of the meeting that the committee  
 go on with its study and that its final  
 report be considered as information put at  
 the disposal of the club members as in-  
 dividuals. Pres. Congdon called upon Mr.  
 Mather who told us in an informal way  
 about "Scapa Flow and its Mine Defense"  
 He told how he came to be in the British  
 Navy during the World War, he was a voluntary  
 recruit and described his arrival in Scapa Flow,



a basin with an area of 50 sq. miles surrounded by 67 of the Orkney Islands. The channels between the islands are very narrow and very deep. He gave reasons from Admiral Viscount Jellicoe's volume as to why Scapa Flow was selected for the base of the British Grand Fleet during the World War and stated that it was fully prepared for defense by 1915. Useless ships were sunk in unused channels. Mr. Mather gave an account of the first and subsequent attacks by submarines which were all repulsed. The Germans were way ahead of the English in laying mines. In 1916, after much experimenting, an apparatus called a paravane was attached by cables to the bows of the war ships and travelling under water like porpoises these clipped the cables by which the enemy mines were anchored so that they came to the surface and were harmlessly cut off by a shot from a gun. Mr. Mather told many anecdotes and yarns of the service and replied to the many questions.



ions which were asked. Maps, sketches and photographs were passed around for inspection. He gave us an evening different from all others and which was highly appreciated.

Refreshments reminded us that peace and plenty were still in evidence and our well-filled group scattered at 10:45 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Eighty-sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening March 26, 1940, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Selden. Those present were; Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Graeger, Webster, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Mather, Cochran, Turner, E. G. Taylor and Fuller. The guests were Messrs. J. L. Smith, Baefus, Grimes, Thurston and Campbell. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. At the conclusion of the discussion the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

That the Winter Club approves of Mr. Stackpole's ten <sup>points</sup> as a suitable guide for framing the publicity policy of Yantrefit.

That the Winter Club approves of the action taken by the Publicity Committee for the coming year and that the thanks of the Club be extended to Mr. Thurston, its chair-man, for attending our meeting and giving us <sup>the</sup> plans of his committee. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Stackpole and his topic was; "How should Yantrefit be adver-



tised?" Mr. Steepole as a newspaper man and fluent writer went into the matter of advertising Nantucket in a most complete and thorough way. One of the many excellent assertions he made was as follows:

"I believe the proper way to advertise Nantucket is to let the island speak for itself. By this, I mean we should do all we can to preserve its native charm and insular possessions, maintain its traditions and protect it from the encroachments which may result from any modern business development. The future prosperity of the island depends upon the factor of preserving the 'atmosphere' of the old town, its historic associations, famed old houses, its winding lanes and elm-shaded streets, which are more important in establishing it as a distinct resort than its climate, bathing, sailing or sport-fishing.

The ten-point program which he offered was a clear and clean cut series of suggestions so cleverly put over that no one napped during its presentation. His analysis of the five types of people who come to Nantucket was pointed and thoughtful as well as his statements of what should be done by the town to keep itself in good physical condition. He took a long look ahead and made a strong plea for the future delivery of fresh Nantucket



gists by airplane direct to the Middle West.  
 Sidney H. Thurston, Chairman of the Town's  
 Publicity Committee, who was present as  
 the Club's guest, told in a vivid way  
 of the activities of the committee and  
 the care used in settling upon the  
 type of magazines and newspapers  
 which should be used and named  
 the list agreed upon. Last year 4,000  
 inquiries resulted from their advertising  
 and the committee had to reply to 2300  
 specific questions, 19,000 booklets were  
 distributed. Mr. Thurston gave us a clear  
 idea of the work which is being done  
 by the committee and convinced  
 his listeners that the Town's advertising  
 money was being well and thoughtfully  
 spent and not used in a casual  
 way. At the close of the discussion we  
 were inveigled into the historic kitchen,  
 built 195 years ago, not, however, by our host,  
 where a much laden lunch counter



now than filled the bill and our  
stomachs. The meeting adjourned at  
10:30.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



### Eighty-seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, April 8, 1940 Mr. Mather was host to the Club at his Gardner St. home. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Praeger, Hill, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Menger, Mather, Turner and Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Eaddy, Perry, Pritchard, Grimes and Pease. The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Stackpole mentioned three comments, one highly complimentary, which had come to him bearing upon what he said in regard to advertising Yantucket. The speaker of the evening was Eugene Perry who told of "Experiences in the Arctic". Mr. Perry's arctic experiences, which began in 1903, were related in such a simple, realistic and low-keyed way that at a little distance one might have thought he was having a little soliloquy. He made his start with Capt. Bodfish of the Vinyard upon the steam whaler William Paylin as arctic engineer,



The most dramatic and exciting incident of his arctic experience occurred on his fourth voyage when the *Baylis* was squashed in the ice and became a total loss. The 44 shipwrecked men, dragging their three boats, hastily filled with supplies, after them set out for another ship they had sighted, the *Bowhead*, and after nine miles of ice-walking reached her. The *Bowhead* after fighting her way out of the ice put into Nome where the *Baylis* crew landed and later received passage to San Francisco. After serving as chief engineer on two other ships Mr. Perry returned home. The evening was unique and individual and no one now living on our island could give us anything like this tale which he narrated so quietly and modestly. He was heartily thanked for his talk, after refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

J. J. Fuller, Secy.

P.S. Mr. Perry brought with him a collection of



Arctic souvenirs including a beautifully carved cribbage board made from a walrus tusk. Other articles showed the skill and delicate work of the Eskimos.



### Eighty-Eighth of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening April 23, 1940, the Club met at the home of Col. Praeger. Those present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Backpole, Smith, Praeger, Hill, Crook, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Jones, Walls, Stewart, Mathur, Taylor, Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Blair, Finney, Conrad. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted with the suggestion that a note be added mentioning the interesting exhibit of Arctic handicraft which Mr. Perry brought with him and this has been done. Pres. Congdon introduced Chief Blair of the Fire Dept. who spoke about "Safeguarding the Town from Fire" in a most broad and interesting way. Mr. Blair is an enthusiast in this line and touched upon all methods of controlling and subduing fires. His listeners soon saw that everything connected with fires and fire departments was more of a hobby with him than baseball is with some other men. Mr. Blair said there were 135 men in the department, 13



were paid \$50 a year and the others \$10 a year and stated that they deserved great credit for their real interest and efficient work and that the damage to their clothing from one fire might absorb the \$10. at many of their meetings they set up phantom fires and study how to surround, confine and extinguish them. He described agents other than water which were used to extinguish fires. Quite a recent aid is a "fog" nozzle which enables the stream from a garden fire hose to be controlled as perfectly as a garden hose. He said that the value of our complete fire outfit was about \$130,000. Great interest was shown by his listeners and at the end of his practical and really absorbing talk Mr. Blair was unanimously thanked for favoring us with such an evening. After refreshments were partaken of and enjoyed the meeting adjourned at 10.45. J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Eighty-ninth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, May 6, 1940 the club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Crosby.

Those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Crosby, Selander, Menges, Walls, Kenneth Taylor, Mathier, Cochran, E. G. Taylor and Tuller. The guests were:

Messrs. Gardner, Backus, Young and Grimes. Pres. Congdon introduced Robert Young who gave us details of "A Tour thro war-torn Europe". Mr. Young arrived a few weeks ago from a lone bicycle trip, except for occasional pick-ups, of some 5700 miles through countries at war or on the brink of war, comprising Germany, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, England, Holland, Switzerland, Belgium, Scotland and Denmark. He told of blackouts in England and surprised some of us by saying that the average temperature of Iceland was like that of New York City due to the Gulf Stream. The average temperature in Scandinavia this winter was 25° below zero. Norway expected no war in its area and



he found Iceland was worried about the possibility of being taken over for war bases. He read from letters received from a friend in Paris containing accounts of war incidents on the battle front and the procedure of a soldier's daily life at 25° below zero. Mr. Young spoke in a free and easy way and answered pointedly and modestly the many questions propounded by his listeners. A great many interesting photographs and pictures were passed around which gave added interest to what was said by the speaker.

By a unanimous vote Mr. Young was thanked for his outstanding travel talk. After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10.45.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



# Ninetieth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, May 21, 1940 the Club met at the home of Col. Stewart. Members present were: Messrs. Stewart, Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Gill, Kimball, Seldens, Menger, Sanguinetti, Walls, Cochran, E. G. Taylor, Blodgett, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Gardner, Conrad, Grimes & Pedersen. In the absence of Pres. Congdon Vice President Praeger presided. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. By unanimous vote the secretary was directed to transmit the club's greetings to its absent president Mr. Congdon along with its sympathy and hope for his speedy return to normal. Vice President Praeger introduced Captain Peter O. Pedersen, who told most interestingly of his "Experiences traveling around the World". The Club took not only one but parts of many voyages with Capt. Pedersen. He began his tale of widespread sea rambles with a witty story of his very early years in Norway and told us much about



Norway's coastal towns. He spoke as a sailor of his ocean trips and incidentally of his philosophy of life. For some ten summers he sailed over German waters and his opinion of the Germans was not complimentary.

There is no freedom in Germany and they have established little colonies everywhere which have been trying to undermine the countries in which they live for 75 or 100 years. All chances for Germany's rearmament should have been taken away from them at the end of the world war. In connection with yachting cruises he was in touch with Kaiser Wilhelm II several times and in 1912 heard him predict a war to come between England and Germany. Capt. Pedersen's father said to him: "If you go to America, be a loyal American" and all his remarks showed that he had followed this advice to the letter. He said he rejoiced in the size and importance of the United States and intimated with regret that many communists were



scattered over it and wanted to undermine it. Nothing that Stalin, Hitler or Mussolini say can be believed. A medal and certificate which Kaiser Wilhelm presented to him for winning a regatta was passed around for inspection. The evening was one of marked individuality. After partaking of refreshments in the beautifully seascape dining room the club members dispersed at 10.30.

F.V. Fuller, Secy.



# Ninety-first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, October 14, 1940 the Club met at the residence of Mr. Crosby, those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Starbuck, Smith, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, I. E. Congdon, Selden, Wallis, Cochran, E. J. Taylor, Breithurt and Fuller. The guests were Dr. Gardner, Robert Parkus, Allen Parkus, Rev. Mr. Bennett, Messrs. Varney, Jones, Dell and Russell. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. By a unanimous vote the secretary was requested to extend the Club's sympathy to Mr. Kenneth R. Taylor for the recent bereavement through which he has recently passed.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Crosby who told in considerable detail of Old Nantuxet Silver, including that made in other places in New England.

Mr. Crosby began by saying that why and how silverware was made interested him and that he was not concerned with the many



successive owners of it. New England produced a great amount of silver starting in 1650. He described in much detail and illustrated by diagrams the evolution of the spoon and told how one can tell from its characteristics about when it was made. His patient and long continued search for details showed great thoroughness and has probably qualified him to be a real detective if he ever chooses to adopt this profession. There were on display many silver spoons including ladles and porringers. Mr. Crosby named the eight definitely established Yantucket silversmiths: Benjamin Bunker, William Badwin, George Cannon, James Easton, Frederick C. Sanford, Allen Kelley, Henry A. Kelley and James S. Kelley. As far as known to the secretary all present resisted the undoubted temptation to make off with a souvenir spoon.

Our host told of the origin of the Lightship basket on the South Shoal Lightship which was established in 1854 and his listeners examin-



ed with much interest his collection of baskets  
of various sizes which possessed the typical  
characteristics of those made some four score  
years ago. A group of early books - 1772 to  
1818 - describing Yantucket were thumbed  
thorough with interest by those listeners who  
were historically inclined. After partaking  
of generously served refreshments the  
gathering broke up at 10.30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



### Fifty-second Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening October 29, 1940, because of the large attendance which was anticipated and also to make it more convenient to handle the moving picture <sup>apparatus</sup> this meeting, scheduled to be held at Dr. Congdon's was held in the vestry of the Unitarian Church. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Backpole, Smith, Webster, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, F. S. Congdon, Selden, Sanguinetti, Hall, Mather, Cochran, Taylor, Britchut, Post, Fuller. The guests were a dozen in number. The record of the previous meeting was read and approved subject to a correction offered by Mr. Crosby to the effect that lightship bascule did not originate on the South School Lightship in '854, but were developed <sup>elsewhere</sup> at a much earlier date than this.

Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Rounselle, Manager of the Nantuxet Cranberry Co., who told about "Cranberry Culture" illustrated with moving pictures in color with Mr. Mather at the lantern. Mr. Rounselle's talk consisted of a running explanation of the films taken



by the State Agricultural College and answers to the many questions which were asked as the meeting went on. At the ~~end of the~~ end of the evening perhaps some listeners felt equal to raising cranberries, but probably not, as it is not a simple process.

The first film showed the many attractive eats and drinks in which cranberries were the principal item and it was regrettable that no women were present to see these attractive dishes. All but a quarter of the cranberries grown in the U. S. are produced in Massachusetts, the annual output from Yantucket being about 3000 barrels. The methods in which the berries are picked, assorted, cleaned and canned were pictured in detail. The preparation of swamp land for bogs was set forth and the need for much adjacent water for flooding the bogs to prevent freezing was clearly explained. How to prevent the crop from being consumed by bugs, worms etc.



was illustrated and explained. There are in Yantuepet quite large areas which could be used, after due preparation, for growing cranberries. The expense of preparing this land might be 1,000 per acre. The evening was of an individual type and much enjoyed and Pres. Congdon, at its close, expressed the club's thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rounselle after which the group adjourned to Dr. Congdon's home where refreshments were generously served to the graduating class in cranberry culture. The meeting broke up at

10.30 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Ninety-third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 4, 1940, the Club met at the home of Col. Praeger. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Steppole, Praeger, Webster, Hill, Crosby, E. Congdon, Selden, Menges, Walls, Turner, E. J. Taylor, Post and Zeller. There were ten guests present.

The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. At Mr. Frank Congdon's suggestion another cipher was added to the cost per acre of converting a swamp into a cranberry bog making it \$1,000 instead of \$100. The president introduced Mr. Post, recently returned from abroad, who told us in a most vivid way of "Daily Life in the War Zone" Mr. Post began by saying that while he was in the war territory for nearly two years he experienced no hardships or deprivations, but his running account of experiences in five countries showed the innumerable perplexities and complications which occurred day after day. His talk was so realistic and vivid that we summed



to be really with him as he struggled to obtain his many passports and sought continually to travel enough but not too much money on his person. Mr. Post certainly aroused no enthusiasm in the minds of his audience towards a visit abroad at the present time.

In response to questions as to the reason for the collapse of France Mr. Post said it was due to politics and lack of equipment. There are in France more than nineteen different parties including socialists, communists etc. A few brief words, like this report cannot do justice to Mr. Post's first-hand and outstanding account of his daily life and experiences in the war zone and his patient attempts to get out of it and discover America and New Bedford. Pres. Congdon expressed the appreciation of his fellow members to Mr. Post attending to him as a "refugee." After partaking of refreshments the group dispersed at 10-30.

J.V. Fuller Secy.



Fifty-fourth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, November 25, 1940 the Club met at the home of Mr. Post. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Webster, Crosby, J. E. Congdon, Mather, Cochran, Post & Fuller. Ten guests were Messrs. Gardner, Cummings, Gimmes, Dell, Lanner & Cochran. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Voted: That the second meeting in December be held on Monday the 30th.

Pres. Congdon called upon Mr. Mather who offered a running account of a trip made to Charleston and Williamsburg during April of this year. As he entered Charleston its leading industry - producing fertilizer - was quite apparent by odor. He described in detail some of its buildings and said there were 83 churches in Charleston. Cards in color showing its beautiful gardens were passed around and later these gardens stood out in the moving colorful pictures with which we were favored. Mr. Mather gave us



interesting facts about Williamsburg and said it was a museum of buildings and that its restoration by Rockefeller was done at a cost of twenty million dollars.

His moving pictures in color were a decided annex to his description of the outstanding features of this famous <sup>place</sup> and were particularly enjoyed by at least half of his audience who had visited Williamsburg. After refreshments, accompanied by a social half hour, the members departed at 10.30 am, doubtless carrying with them the impression of a well spent evening.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



# Ninety-fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, December 10, 1940, the Club met at the home of Dr. Congdon. Members present were Messrs. Congdon, Webster, Hill, Selden, Mather, Taylor, Post and Fuller. The guests were: Messrs. Gardner, Cummings, Grimes, Banner, Coffin, MacDougall and Pease. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Voted: That beginning with January, 1941, the regular Club meetings be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. It was also voted: That the Club's 100th meeting on February 25th be celebrated in some marked way and a committee consisting of Pres. Congdon, Regis H. Post and J. V. Fuller, all of whom were present at the preliminary meeting as guests of Prof. Anderson, on October 31, 1934, was appointed to arrange for this celebration. Pres. Congdon introduced Rev. James H. Banner who told "The Story of a Great Industry"



Mr. Hanner began by telling about his attempts to secure some sort of a job after receiving his degree from the University of North Carolina and before he entered the ministry. After a few months he was taken on by the Eastman Kodak Company. He told of the thoroughness with which this company trained its employees with the idea in mind that some of those in its office force might, sooner or later, be used in foreign countries. Mr. Hanner was in charge of correspondence.

Mr. Eastman had a difficult start, but was remarkable as an organizer and there are thirteen Kodak plants scattered over the world. The headquarters are in Rochester in Kodak Park, which has an area of 400 acres and contains the 83 buildings which comprise its <sup>2</sup>plant.

Since 1913 a wage dividend has been paid every year, with one exception, to all Kodak employees. 32

Mr. Eastman died in 1924, leaving

a very large sum to the University of Rochester and his residential estate to its president. He gave over \$11,000,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during his lifetime. After giving many facts concerning this great industry, moving pictures loaned by the Kodak Co., were shown for half an hour, the lantern being manipulated by William L. Mather.

These splendid pictures showed every detail in the process of manufacturing cameras and other products, from the ground up. In addition, ocean pictures, war photographs, and home and class-room movies were shown and enjoyed.

President Congdon thanked Mr. Hanner for an evening of outstanding interest and distinction and, after partaking of refreshments, the Club members and guests departed with the feeling that they knew more than a little something about "big business" in one line, at least.

*The meeting broke up at 10:30 P.M.  
J.V. Fuller, Secy.*



Twentieth - sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Monday evening, December 30, 1940, the Club met at the home of Alfred Smith.

Members present were: Pres. Tongdon, Messrs. Mack, Hale, Smith, Hill, Kimball, Turner, C. G. Taylor, Post, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Gardner, Cummings, Grimes, Scully, Horner and Mac Dougall.

The records of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Two corrections in the dates named in it were suggested and have been made.

Pres. Tongdon introduced Mr. Hugh MacDougall, who gave a most interesting account and summary of "The Situation in China".

Mr. Mac Dougall's introductory paper was based upon his observations and conclusions, after many years residence in China, and other material from newspapers and magazines since he left there two years ago. He was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. which had been located with the U. S. Army Regulars at Tientsin from 1921 until 1938 when the regiment returned to the U. S. He related many



interesting facts and made numerous observations bearing upon the Chinese and their land. In the discussion period which followed his summary Mr. MacDougall answered in a most clear way a great many questions and put his listeners up to date in connection with the details of <sup>many of</sup> the Chinese and Japanese activities. Mr. MacDougall's idea was that the Chinese would finally win in the present war with the Japanese as the Japs were likely to go broke because of the unanticipated demands upon them due to a much longer war than they counted upon. After refreshments the meeting broke up at 10-30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



Fifty-seventh Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, January 14, 1941, previous to the regular meeting the Club's annual meeting of its members was held at 7-30 at the home of Frank Congdon. Those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Hill, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Fuller. The following officers were nominated and unanimously elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles E. Congdon, Secretary, Fred V. Fuller, Treasurer, Edward A. Stackpole, Vice Presidents, Alfred E. Smith and Everett W. Crosby. Voted: That Rev. William S. Gardner and Lawrence P. Cummings be added to the list of Associate Members and that the matter of transferring two of the associate members to the list of Retired Active Members, or lengthening the associate list by adding two names to it <sup>be</sup> left to <sup>the</sup> President and Secretary to decide and they have decided to enlarge the list of associate members from ten to twelve, owing to the absence of the



treasurer Alfred Smith was appointed. Treasurer for the evening and proceeded to collect 50¢ from each person present.

Soon after 8 o'clock the President called the regular meeting to order. Members present in addition to those named above were: Messrs. Mather, Turner, Gardner, Taylor, Cummings, Post.

The guests were Messrs. Gaines and Hamer.

The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Gardner who talked to the Club about "The Collapse of Sunday Religion". Mr. Gardner's statements were broad, comprehensive and un denominational and at no club meeting has there been offered a more interesting and distinctly different paper. Although a number of denominations were in evidence at the meeting no one seemed to be stirred up or excited by the speaker's statements. The discussion period was particularly interesting and continued while the sandwiches and drinks were being absorbed. The members dispersed at 10-30. J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Ninety-eighth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening January 28, 1941 the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Kimball. Members and guests present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Bill, Post, Smith, Sanguinetti, Gardner, Turner, Mather, Kimball and Sawyer. In the absence of the secretary Mr. Turner acted as secretary pro tem and the following brief account of the subject under discussion during the evening: "The Town Warrant" is made up from his account of the meeting which was published in the Inquirer and Mirror. While only a few of the articles in <sup>the</sup> 1941 warrant could be discussed the proposed building ordinance occupied the most attention and it was the general impression of the meeting that a good deal of opposition to its passage would be manifested by the carpenters and other mechanics of the town. Mr. Bill, one of the members of the special committee which drafted the proposed ordinance, said he



realized that the committee's proposition would not have smooth sailing, but that it would cause people to think seriously of its governing idea of attempting to preserve one of the chief charms of our island town. The collection and disposal of garbage was considered and, while it was admitted that the municipal handling of garbage as pursued in cities and some towns would be a desirable feature, it was felt that the tax rate ought not be increased at the present time to put such a system into effect. The airport proposition, the highways and the welfare department were discussed and some of the minor articles of the warrant were touched upon. The evening's talk was both illuminating and entertaining and held the club members together for an hour or so longer than usual. In fact, the talk went on in such an earnest way that some of Mr. Kimball's guests almost forgot to absorb their host's attractive refreshments.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



Ninety-ninth Meeting of the Thriller Club.

On Tuesday evening, February 11, 1941, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Fuller. Members and guests present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Webster, Mather, Turner, Gardner, Taylor, Fuller, Grimes and Garner. The records of the two preceding meetings were read and accepted. The Committee appointed to arrange for some special celebration of the club's 100th meeting on February 25th, Pres. Congdon, Mr. Post and the Secretary, reported through the Secretary and proposed that a special session and dinner be held at the Woodbox where the preliminary meeting called by Prof. Anderson, on October 31, 1934, was held. The committee's proposal was, by vote, unanimously accepted. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Taylor who spoke about "Schools, Nontuipet and Elsewhere". Mr. Taylor in a most broad and comprehensive way summed up the



intent and results of education quoting from several well-known experts. The spoke of three distinct aims of the high school: first, that it endeavors to develop a sense of social and civic responsibility, second, it tries to supply training for vocational pursuits, third, its teachers try to provide some measure of guidance for the pupils.

Mr. Taylor mentioned some of the details of our special problems due to our apartness and island conditions. The problem in Norwich is much like the one in Nantucket as their youngsters leave town or act as satellites to the summer people. The spoke of war's great effect upon vocational training and said it was perhaps being over-emphasized. It had been said that school is too much apart from life. Nantucket schools measure up pretty well with schools in similar places. The numerous questions drew pertinent and pointed answers from the speaker whose subject was a



broad one and showed outstanding  
evidence of much thought and study.  
after refreshing the inner man  
the group dispersed at 10:30.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



The Hundredth Meeting of the Winter Club.

The Club's hundredth meeting was a dinner held at the Wood Box on Tuesday evening February 25, 1941, at 7 Pm, where on October 31, 1934 it was organized. Members and guests present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Post, Taylor, Sanguinetti, Selders, Bill, Turner, Gardner, Kimball, Stackpole, Smith, Banner, Congdon, Grimes and Fuller. The record of the preceding meeting was read and accepted. The secretary then read the record of the preliminary meeting called by Prof. Anderson at the Wood Box on October 31, 1934 when the Club was organized.

Pres. Congdon read an almost eloquent message of greetings and good wishes from Prof. Anderson in which he recalled the early days of the Club and alluded to the remarkable number of papers which had been read and discussed since its formation and their great variety. Upon motion of Frank Congdon it was voted that the following telegram be sent to



Prof. Anderson: The Winter Club, now celebrating its hundredth meeting at the Wood Box, requests the secretary to transmit its greetings and gratitude to you its founder and to thank you for your cheerful letter. Voted: That the secretary send the Club's greetings to Messrs. Crosby and Webster along with its hope for their continued progress towards complete recovery. From this point on everyone present had something to say about his appreciation and enjoyment of the Club meetings. Various anecdotes were told in a most interesting way, some of which occasioned much hilarity. A surprising incident of the evening, at least to one member, was the gift to the secretary, by Mr. Post, of a splendid fountain pen in appreciation of his active work for the Club since it was set going. Although caught unawares the secretary trust he fully expressed his gratitude for this beautiful and useful gift. After a meeting wholly different from



any other in its history, but nevertheless  
a most enjoyable one, the members de-  
parted at about 9:30.

J. W. Fuller, Secy.



One Hundred and first Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, March 11, 1941, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Stackpole. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Hill, Kimball, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Mather, Turner, Gardner, Taylor & Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Bonner, Dell and Coffin. The record of the preceding meeting was read and accepted. The Secretary read a letter of thanks and appreciation from Mrs. Crosby for the Club's greetings and good wishes forwarded to Mr. Crosby by the Secretary, as instructed, and it was voted that this note be placed on file among the Club's records.

Mr. Turner was the speaker of the evening and told of his trip with Mrs. Turner to Key West during the latter part of last year. Mr. Turner made two visits to Key West, the first one in 1912, soon after the railroad to Key West was built by Henry M. Flagler.

This road was swept away in 1922 by a great storm. The government, after a time,



stepped in and made a loan of three million dollars with which a cement road bed from the Florida coast to Key West, a distance of over a hundred miles, was constructed, really a bridge of extraordinary length. Key West is the most southern point of the U. S. and is nearer to Havana than it is to Miami. Once millions of cigars were made there, but when air conditioning was perfected this great industry moved north and also its once important sponge industry has departed. Unique features in its make up are the absence of soil and fresh water. Key West has to depend upon a moderate, winter tourist business for its livelihood. Mr. Turner related many interesting incidents connected with his party there and many others were brought out during the question period. It was really quite a different and more individual travel talk than one often hears and was much enjoyed. After the generous serving of refreshments the gathering wound up at about 10:30.

F. H. Sellers, Secy.



One Hundred and second Meeting of the Winter Club.

Tuesday evening, March 25, 1941, the Club held its evening session at the home of Dr. Gardner. The members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Staafpole, Smith, Praeger, Gill, Kimball, J. C. Congdon, Selden, Cochran, Turner, Gardner & Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Dell, Grimes, Banner & Snow. The record of the preceding meeting were read and accepted. Pres. Congdon introduced Prof. Dell who told about Intercollegiate Athletics touching upon football especially. Prof. Dell was for many years Director of Athletics at Princeton University. From its title one who has never followed sports particularly might have thought that an evening devoted to college athletics might be only of meagre interest, but this was decidedly not so. Prof. Dell gave a vivid account of activities in this line and his listeners evinced great interest in his concise statements. Previous to 1900 games between colleges were not highly regarded, but about



1900 intercollegiate competition developed through the initiative of the alumni.

Why are such games a university function? Because they develop men as well as educate them, they are a social stimulus and discipline and bring out initiative.

Football is the only sport that yields much money. For several years in the 20's Yale took <sup>in</sup> a million dollars during the season, now \$300,000 is a high limit.

Prof. Tell named many little known facts along this line and dispelled much ignorance which possessed some of us. The many questions asked were good evidence of the pronounced interest in Prof. Tell's talk. Generous refreshments closed our session soon after 10 P.M.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



One hundred and third Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Wednesday evening, April 9, 1941 the Club met at the house of Mr. Selden. The members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, <sup>Smith</sup> Frazer, Gile, Kimball, Selden, Mather, Cochran, Gardner, Taylor, Cummings and Zeller. The guests were Messrs. Grimes and Banner. The record of the previous meeting was read and approved. Upon hearing that Mrs. Selden had, earlier in the evening, been taken to the hospital for observation and a possible operation it was Voted: That the secretary extend the thanks of the Club to Mr. Selden for allowing the club meeting to go on as scheduled and also offer its sincere sympathy to both Mr. & Mrs. Selden for the sudden affliction which has befallen them. Pres. Congdon called upon Mr. Cummings who, in a vivid way told of "Incidents of the first World War". Mr. Cummings began his war experience in 1916 as a volunteer ambulance driver on the battle-fields of France. Later he returned to the U.S.



enlisted and ended his career as a <sup>captain</sup> major in the 26th Division. He was soon convinced that this war was the most horrible thing that could ever happen to civilization, but compared with what is taking place at the present time he finds he was wrong.

His talk was of great interest, particularly to those present who had experiences in this direction on land or sea, and his listeners would willingly have heard him at greater length. In fact, while various members departed soon after partaking of refreshments a few lingered until nearly midnight.

No meeting of our series has been more interesting or its subject matter set forth on a more impersonal basis than this one which Mr. Cummings has given us. Photographs and maps which were passed around added a realistic <sup>touch</sup> to some of his statements and descriptions.

J. W. Fuller, Secy.



One hundred and fourth meeting of the Winter C.

On Tuesday evening, April 22, 1941, the Club met at the home of Dr. Cochran, an interesting domicile built 221 years ago. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Praeger, Hill, Kimball, Crosby, J.E. Congdon, Selden, Walls, Stewart, Cochran, Turner, Gardner, Cummings, Post, Fuller. Guests were: Messrs. Fell, Hanner, Bennett, Wilson, Collins. The record of the last meeting was read and accepted after the Secretary had agreed to denote Major Cummings to a captain on its pages. Mr. Cochran thanked Mr. Collins for offering to furnish and operate the apparatus for projecting and describing the films to eye and ear. Pres. Congdon called upon Dr. Cochran, the speaker of the evening, who told us about a Winter Visit to the Yosemite Valley the Carlsbad Caverns. On a large map his trip by car to the Pacific Coast and his stopping places were clearly shown.



Although his descriptions and incidents were interesting it was the films of moving pictures, half of them in color, which gave a distinctive touch to the evening and brought these beautiful and charming spots close to us. And the many waterfalls were fascinating to see in action and made one wonder where they started from and where they finally landed. During the refreshment period many of Dr. Cochran's listeners expressed their enjoyment of the evening to their hosts with enthusiasm.

The group departed at 10.45 feeling well repaid by what they saw and heard.

J. V. Fuller, Secy.



One hundred and fifth Meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening, May 13, 1941, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Col. Praeger. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Staft, Cole, Smith, Praeger, Hill, Kimball, Selden, Sanguinetti, Stewart, Mather, Cochran, Turner, Gardner, Taylor, Cummings, Fuller. The guests were Messrs. Grimes, Lee, Sculley, Walker and Walcott. The record of the last meeting was read and accepted. The president announced that by invitation of Mr. Bassett Jones the next meeting and last one until October would be held at his residence in Polpis. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Edwin L. Sculley who told us of some of his Asiatic experiences while he was a marine in the U.S. Navy some twenty years ago. Mr. Sculley enlisted in the Navy in 1917 and a few months afterwards sailed from the Pacific Coast for duty in the Orient. His fleet touched at Honolulu and Guam and finally arrived at the Philippine Islands. He spoke of the many good things introduced by the Ameri-



cant in Manila after the Spanish American  
 war. As postmaster on his ship Mr. Sully  
 had a greater opportunity to see the life  
 ashore than most enlisted men. He met met  
 many of the consuls in China. The many  
 incidents and anecdotes he related were par-  
 ticularly interesting. He gave an intimate story  
 of <sup>the shipboard</sup> on shipboard from port to port and said a  
 ship was as complete in itself as a small  
 island. He mentioned the evidences of fear-  
 ful poverty among many of the native  
 groups in China. So completely is everything  
 eatable used up that that there are no  
 sea gulls in Canton. After a generous sum-  
 ing of refreshments the members departed at  
 10:15.

J. J. Fuller, Secy,



One hundred and sixth Meeting of the Winter Club.

One Tuesday evening May 27, 1941 the Club met by invitation at the home of Bassett Jones in Polpis. Members present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Gill, Kimball, Crosby, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Walls, Stewart, Mather, Turner, Cummings, Gardner, Post and Fuller. Ten guests were Messrs. Cunningham, Grimes, Bell, Hamner and Jones. Previous to entering the house our bunch sauntered over the estate enjoying the little paths which were edged by the splendid pines now in full regalia and numbering in all some 7000. The record of the previous meeting was read and accepted, after being introduced by Pres. Congdon, Mr. Jones, in the main, read from the manuscript of his forthcoming book on "The History of Money". His statements and quotations represented the careful study and research of ten years of patient work and went into the origin and use of money in the broadest



way reaching back hundreds of years into various countries. He made no suggestions for changes in our system or that of any other country as his statements were wholly a student's view of the origin of money as a means of exchange under all conditions and in many nations. Compared with other matters which have been discussed by our speakers this one was unique and an evening which stands in a class by itself. & It left us nowhere and is difficult to sum up. After partaking of refreshments our members departed at 10.15.

F. V. Fuller, Secy.



One hundred and seventh meeting of the Winter Club.

On Tuesday evening October 14, 1941 the Club, by invitation of J. Lister Carlisle, met at the home of his sister, Miss Elsie Carlisle. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. MacKpale, Smith, Praeger, Hill, Kimball, Selden, Mather, Cochran, Turner, Cummings, Gardner, Strong, Post, Fuller. The guests were Bishop Tourret, Messrs. Grimes, Hanne, Jones, Carlisle, Capt. Loder.

The record of the previous meeting, held on May 27th, was read and accepted. Pres. Congdon introduced Mr. Carlisle as the speaker of the evening whose subject was: "Eleven weeks in a Goin Pasture".

Pres. Congdon said the club recognized and fully appreciated Mr. Carlisle's generous act in making a special trip to Nantuxpet, with an expert assistant, to give the Winter Club this illustrated account of his visit to East Africa in 1928 and a rising vote of thanks was expended to him by those present.



Mr. & Mrs. Carlisle made their trip for the purpose of getting a "Lion Group" for the African Hall of the New York Museum. After arriving in Africa their organized group of natives and others numbered 28 and the trials on their difficult footing showed the slow pace at which the expedition had to move. The first movies shown were of Victoria Falls in South Africa which excel Niagara in height dropping some 400 ft. Zebras, giraffes, lions, gazelles, elephants and other wild animals were shown in motion in a most picturesque and vivid way.

The printed descriptions of the pictures and Mr. Carlisle's running comments were clear and to the point and he almost made us feel that we were with him. Members expressed to the speaker their decided enjoyment of the evening which made them feel they had <sup>really</sup> participated in a most novel and outstanding journey. After partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at 10:45  
J.D. Fuller, Secy.



one hundred eighth meeting of the Winter Club.

Tuesday evening, October 28, 1941, the Club's meeting was held at the home of Mr. Crosby. Members present were: Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Stackpole, Smith, Praeger, Hill, Crosby, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Manges, Sanguinetti, Cochran, Turner, Gardner, Cummings, Strong, Post and Fuller. Ten guests were: Messrs. Tourt, Grims, Hammer, Jones, Loder, Wildrick and Varney.

The record of the previous meeting was read and approved. Mr. Selden was the speaker of the evening and told us about "Interesting Persons I have met." Mr. Selden named more than two dozen notable he had met, or become intimate with, in our portion of the world and abroad during his career of 50 years as an outstanding reporter <sup>and journalist</sup>. His many anecdotes and incidents were pointedly and wittily told and evoked much merriment. He was, in fact, listened to with absorbing interest from start to finish. He saw and talked with presidents, cabinet members, ambassadors,



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F.V. Fuller, Secy.



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explanations and comments were amplified and clarified as he went on by Pres. Congdon who was a member of the Finance Committee during the ten years which were being considered. Seven diagrams graphically presented the figures for this ten-year period for year by year comparison. The most outstanding increase in the town's expenditures was shown to be in the item of relief and charities which, at the end of a ten year period, was seven times larger than at the beginning of the period. This report has been approved and published by the Nantucket Foundation and is to be distributed to its members and others interested in the welfare of Nantucket.

after some discussion and partaking of refreshments the meeting adjourned at  
 11 P.M.

J.V. Fuller, Secy.



One Hundred Tenth Meeting of the Winter Club.  
 Tuesday evening, November 25, 1944. Pres. Congdon  
 was the club's host. Those present were Pres.  
 Congdon, Messrs. J. E. Congdon, Smith, Cummings,  
 Strong, Stewart, Hill, Selden, Banner, Coch-  
 ran, Wildrick, Blackpole and Gardner. In the  
 absence of Day. Then the reading of the min-  
 utes was omitted and Mr. Gardner was ap-  
 pointed Secy. pro tem. There being no busi-  
 ness the president introduced Col. George W.  
 Wildrick who spoke on Hawaii. Col. Wildrick  
 lived in Hawaii two years and was in  
 command of the Harbor Defenses of Hono-  
 lulu. One of his hobbies is color photography  
 - so beautiful was the scenery and vegetation in  
 in Hawaii that he decided to take pictures  
 with the purpose of entertaining his friends.

For an hour one beautiful scene followed another.  
 The location and lava and coral formations of  
 the islands were shown as well as well as  
 the drives and beaches. Then three indus-  
 tries of the island: sugar cane, pineapples



and tourists were explained and illustrated. The series of pictures closed with sunsets and a very beautiful moon rise. after the pictures informal discussion and story telling revealed a close connection between Manu'a et and Hawaii users. Strong, Smith, Cochran and others contributing. At the next meeting Mr. Garner will read selections from the "Berlin Diary".

W. E. Gardner, Secy. Pro tem.



One hundred eleventh Meeting of the Winter Club.

Tuesday evening, December 9th, 1941, the Club met at the home of Dr. Cochran. Those present were Pres. Congdon, Messrs. Smith, Hill, J. E. Congdon, Selden, Cochran, Turner, Gardner, Post, Fuller, Grimes, Hamner, Wildrick. The records of the two preceding meetings were read and approved with the exception of a slight error in the record of the November 11th meeting which has been corrected. After due consideration it was voted to omit the second meeting in December which would have come on the 23rd.

Voted: That the thanks of the Club be extended to Mr. Crosby for the copies of the Yanticpet Foundation's Financial Reports which were handed to each one present by Mr. Gardner. Mr. Hamner was the speaker of the evening and gave extracts from and comments upon Shirer's "Berlin Diary". His selections comprised significant passages from this widely read book and his own comments and observations were pertinent and to the point.



The fact that some of his listeners had read the volume in no way lessened their keen interest in what he read and said. Mr. Bill, who had lived two years in Germany, gave his impressions of German people and life in an interesting way. Messrs. Post, Colman and Wildrick gave some facts and observations. The evening program ended in a most unusual and distinguished way with a speech by the President of the U. S. which he made to us and the rest of the country from 10 to 10:30 P.M. After liberally refreshing ourselves with eat & drinks the meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

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